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Rebel Allason to lose Tory whip today

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

■ Tory whips decided to take a tough line with the MP who missed last week's confidence vote as John Major brushed aside questions over his "bastards" gibe

THE only Tory MP who failed to back the prime minister in the Maastricht confidence debate last Friday will learn today that he is losing the party whip. Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay, will be told of his fate at a meeting with a senior party whip.

Mr Allason returned to Westminster yesterday after his "disappearance". He told reporters that he had apologised to the prime minister for his absence, and "as far as I am concerned, that is the end of the matter".

He is wrong. The Conservative machine has decided to get tough with Mr Allason. The whips have complained about his voting record, not only on Maastricht issues but on other matters as well, for some time.

Today's disciplinary action will leave open the door to the possibility of Mr Allason's being allowed to take the whip at some future time nearer an election, but his behaviour in the meantime will have to be exemplary.

Yesterday he was not in the best of humour. When reporters questioned him about his whereabouts last week he replied "mind your own business" and he called one reporter who approached him "a toad".

Later Mr Allason, alias Nigel West, the spy writer, elaborated. He said he had "exercised good tradecraft" about his disappearance. "Part of the reason for good tradecraft is that it should never be compromised."

He said that those who had wanted to find him "would not have had to look very far. But good tradecraft requires a certain amount of deception and a few false trails, although the false trails slightly backfired in one sense. My wife was in Bermuda and she was not aware of where I was because I was operating on a need-to-know basis. She got descended upon by hundreds of assholes," he said. "I have apologised to the chief whip and the prime minister for my absence from the chamber, and as far as I am concerned that is the end of the matter."

If, as expected, the whip is withdrawn, Mr Allason will be isolated in the Commons and his hopes of standing again as an official Tory candidate will be slim.

John Major's decision to discipline Mr Allason came as the Conservative civil war over Europe brought fresh recriminations over Mr Major's branding of the Eurosceptics as bastards. After the Anglo-French summit yesterday President Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, looked on amused as Mr Major found himself fending off questions about his "bastards" remark.

Caught off-guard in an "off-the-record" conversation with a television reporter, Mr Major bracketed three right-wing cabinet ministers with backbench "bastards" spreading "poison" about his leadership.

When one reporter asked whether Mr Major had received advice from the two French leaders about "cohabiting" with ideological opponents (M Mitterrand is a Socialist and M Balladur a conservative), Mr Major put his hands on their arms and said: "It seems to work very well."

He was then asked whether he had apologised to "the bastards". Mr Major brushed aside the question, saying: "We have been discussing

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Mitterrand adds to Major's agony

By Our Political Editor

JOHN Major was given early warning yesterday of a post-Maastricht battle when President Mitterrand of France predicted that the European Community would have a single currency within a few years.

Speaking alongside the prime minister after an Anglo-French summit in London, M Mitterrand made plain that he and like-minded EC leaders would keep up the pressure for a goal that British ministers are describing as increasingly remote.

Three days after Mr Major brought the parliamentary saga over Maastricht to a dramatic end, the French president not only reiterated his commitment to the treaty's single currency objective, but made a pointed reference to his decision to push the treaty through in a referendum.

In remarks which seemed less than helpful to Mr Major, who has steadfastly opposed a referendum, M Mitterrand said that France had adopted Maastricht by a "popular vote". He said: "It was the French people who voted and who chose what to do . . . this was a national debate of considerable magnitude."

He also said: "It would be very harmful, very sad if the remarkable progress made among the Twelve should be brought into question . . . whereas the prospects before us [are that] in a few years from now we will have a single currency."

Asked later about M Mitterrand's remark, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said: "That is a decision for a future parliament."

A Euro-sceptic minister said: "It is like President Menem saying Argentina will have full sovereignty of the Falklands by the year 2000."

The prime minister said the outcome of yesterday's summit, which included talks between eight British ministers and their French counterparts, showed that the two countries had "gone a very long way down the road of co-operation". One of his key objectives when he became prime minister was to develop relationships between Britain and France, he said.

Now the two governments were working more closely on international problems than they had ever done before, he added. The two countries had "a substantial pool of common interests with a great deal of scope for co-operation waiting to be tapped".

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Boy aged 9 murdered in park

By Ian Murray

POLICE warned parents last night to keep a close watch on their children as they launched a hunt for the killer of a nine-year-old boy whose body was discovered in a park.

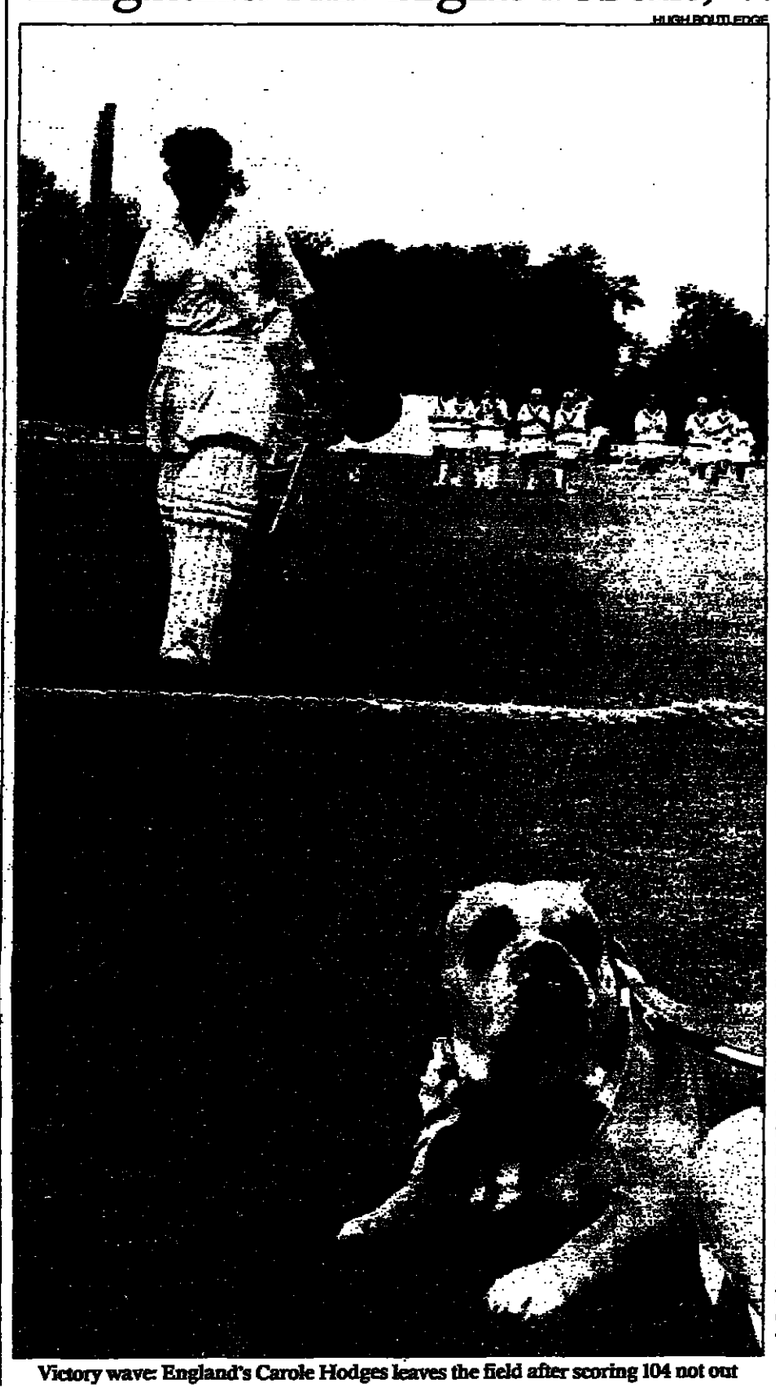
The brutal murder of Akhlaq Ahmed Razzaq in Slough, Berkshire, on Sunday took place in daylight in a busy park.

Det Supt Michael Short said: "I don't want to frighten parents and children, but there is a chance that this person may strike again."

The boy's father, Mohammed Razzaq, said: "I am sure he would not have gone off with anybody on his own."

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England XI: right result, wrong sex



Victory wave: England's Carole Hodges leaves the field after scoring 104 not out

Gooch resigns after defeat

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

ON THE DAY that England's women cricketers beat Australia's women by a memorable 43 runs in a World Cup match at Guildford, Graham Gooch resigned the men's captaincy minutes after Australia had retained the Ashes with victory by an innings and 148 runs in the Fourth Test at Headingley.

The women's triumph was led by Carole Hodges' second century in three days, with Gill Smith taking 5-30 in Australia's innings. There were hugs, kisses and tears at the end, the like of which had not been seen from an England cricket side before.

But at Headingley there was humiliation for Gooch, who had led England in 34 Tests, and lost six of the last seven. He had considered giving up the job at least twice earlier this summer, and although the team management tried once more to persuade him to stay on, losing the series in such circumstances decided him.

"The Ashes are gone now, and this is the best way forward for England," he said. "I have considered it a great honour to be captain, but I have never wanted to linger for the sake of it. I want to wish my successor all the best and, if selected, I shall give him my support for the rest of this series."

Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee and himself under pressure to resign, was not at Headingley yesterday. From London, he sent a tribute to Gooch, saying: "He has not always had the strongest sides under him. I am pleased he is still available to play because he can still bat with the best in the world, with courage and class."

Dexter is to convene a meeting of the England committee later this week at which a new captain will be appointed.

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FRIDAY
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One degree under?

● More than 150,000 students have graduated from British universities this month. Many are still wondering if their degree will prove the passport to a satisfying job, or whether they need something more. Graduates looking for an edge in the highly competitive employment market are turning in record numbers to a higher degree. Universities and colleges are responding with more courses every year. But,

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until now, there has been no central information on the availability of places.

● This Friday, *The Times* launches a new service to provide the growing army of prospective postgraduates with the only comprehensive picture of their options. A 16-page supplement, **Second Degree**, will have the first national listing of masters and postgraduate diploma courses with vacancies for this autumn.

● These taught courses, which are the most popular route to a higher degree, mainly last one year, although many can be taken part-time over a longer period. There will be almost 3,000 programmes in 115 universities to choose from.

Second Degree: with *The Times* this Friday

Rees-Mogg case 'is flawed'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE government went on the offensive yesterday, denouncing Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge to the Maastricht treaty in the High Court as based on "fundamental constitutional misconceptions" amounting to an attack on Parliament.

Sydney Kentridge, QC, counsel for Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, suggested that "sometimes judicial review may be the continuation of politics by other means". The strong rebuttal came on the first day of the historic challenge by Lord Rees-Mogg, former editor of *The Times*, to the legality of the proposed ratification of Maastricht.

The legal action, in which Lord Rees-Mogg accuses the government of acting unlawfully and seeking to bypass Parliament, is being keenly watched by the anti-Maastricht lobby.

After last week's vote of confidence in the Commons,



Rees-Mogg: case opened before a packed court

the challenge is seen as a last-ditch attempt to block ratification. The government has agreed to hold up any further *steps towards ratification* pending all appeals.

A specially convened Court of Appeal presided over by the Master of the Rolls himself, Sir Thomas Bingham, is to hear the expected appeal on the case, already listed for four days from August 9.

In the wake of last week's warnings from the Speaker to the courts about impeaching parliamentary sovereignty, Mr Kentridge told the court he regarded "with some scepticism" the disclaimer by lawyers for Lord Rees-Mogg that the case had nothing to do with the merits or de-merits of the decision to ratify. "What is under attack here, I would suggest, is not merely the decision of the Crown to ratify the treaty, as a whole. It is also an attack on the decision of Parliament to endorse that step, because the applicant is arguing that, notwithstanding the passage of this bill through Parliament, notwithstanding the resolution under Section 7 of what is now the Act, the treaty cannot be ratified."

Mr Kentridge also dismissed the notion that this was the most important constitutional case in this country since 1689. "We were told that the government's decision was an attempt by the Crown to reassert powers which had been lost to them at the end of the 17th century. We submit it is nothing of the sort. There is no conflict at all between the Crown and Parliament."

Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge was opened before a packed court by David Pannick, QC, who quickly sought to assure the judges that the case did not threaten the rights of Parliament. Neither was it about the merits of the decision to ratify the Maastricht treaty, nor its "political, economic or social wisdom or folly". It was that that the government was seeking to act in ratifying the treaty in defiance of the requirements of the common law and as laid down by Parliament.

Lord Rees-Mogg is accusing the government of acting unlawfully because it was seeking to ratify a treaty although Parliament had not approved the social protocol.

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Lebanon puts case against Israel to UN

From Ali Jaber
in Beirut and
Our Foreign Staff

LEBANON asked for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council last night as Israeli warplanes, gunboats and howitzers attacked suspected guerrilla bases across the country.

Thousands of Israeli civilians were reported to be hiding in bomb shelters while people living in southern Lebanon were fleeing northward from the border with Israel. Lebanese guerrillas responded with barrages of Katyusha rockets into Israel. Sources reported two Israeli soldiers were killed in an ambush earlier in the day. At least 38 people have been killed and 143 wounded on both sides in two days of fighting.

The Israeli raids came after Katyusha rocket attacks against the northern Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona. About 150,000 Israelis living near the border spent last night in underground shelters, and mayors were reported to be planning to move children and the elderly.

In New York, Khalil Makkawi, Lebanese envoy to the UN, said: "We would like to see the council pronounce itself on what is happening and to stop these attacks, which are continuing for the second consecutive day on a large scale." Sir David Hannay of Britain, the security council president, said council members were to hold private consultations. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, deplored the Israeli attacks against Lebanon as well the guerrilla attacks against northern Israel.

The Lebanese government termed the Israeli attacks "a new tactic of attrition aimed to pressure Lebanon and Syria before the eleventh round of the Middle East peace talks starts later this month." But an official said that "although South Lebanon has been turned into a scorched earth, it was unlikely that Beirut would pull out of the peace process."

Police reported that Israeli jets and warships attacked the Palestinian camps of Bidawi and Bared near Tripoli in northern Lebanon. By midday, the Israeli jets resumed attacks against Hezbollah strongholds in eastern Lebanon, blasting the town of Machghara.

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MPs attack fees charged in Maxwell money hunt

■ A select committee is calling for a review of the conduct of lawyers and accountants seeking the missing Maxwell millions

BY ANGELA MACKAY

ACCOUNTANTS and lawyers tracing the missing Maxwell pension fund money were criticised by the social security select committee yesterday for taking too long and spending too much in their quest to recover the lost millions.

In their report, the committee estimated the entire exercise would cost more than £100 million, which could not be justified, and called for a review into the conduct of insolvencies. Until the end of March, the total costs for the four separate Maxwell insolvencies was £51.6 million.

Accountants' fees range from £90 to £120 an hour, while lawyers' costs were, in one case, twice as expensive and ranged from £153 to £191.

Of the four accounting firms involved, Buchler Phillips, receivers of Robert Maxwell's estate, received the most trenchant criticism. Frank Field, the committee chairman, said yesterday that so far Buchler Phillips and assisting solicitors Nabarro Nathanson had costs of £1.1 million but had produced very little in return. He said Peter Phillips, a partner in the firm, had promised to recover millions but, for example, had billed for costs of about £400,000 over Oxford United Football Club and clawed back only some £10,000.

Mr Phillips rejected the criticism of his firm and said that he had secured assets of nearly £6 million but had not yet had the opportunity to put this to the committee.

The committee said its role was "unashamedly" to champion the cause of all the former Maxwell pensioners who have been waiting for more than 18 months for a resolution. It was now clear, the report concluded, that "unless the authorities take drastic action soon it will take several more years to complete the tidying up of the whole Maxwell process".

Robson Rhodes, the accountants with responsibility for tracing the lost pensions funds, were criticised for being too slow to take legal action against those who still hold pension funds assets and very slow in distributing money from the common investment fund which originally held pension assets.

Robson Rhodes and Stephenson Harwood, the lawyers, have combined costs of £6.1 million and have so far made recoveries with an acutual book value of £55.1 million. This compared with £460 million which went missing from the pension funds. Robson Rhodes contends that it has "secured" assets worth £247.9 million.

Price Waterhouse, administrators of Maxwell Communication Corp, Robert Maxwell's flagship company which owned Macmillan Inc, and its lawyers Norton Rose, have charged the highest fees of £24.7 million.

Price Waterhouse put up "a spirited defence", acknowledged by the committee. However, the report said the size, cost and length of the administration made a review of the insolvency system "a priority".

Arthur Andersen, administrators of the private Maxwell companies, and its legal advisers, Allen & Overy, have charged fees of £19.7 million compared with realisations of £154 million at 31 March, 1993. Most of the assets have been sold except for a 54 per cent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers worth about £380 million. These shares, however, are held as collateral by four banks which are owed a total of about £300 million.

John Talbot, the administrator, said yesterday his fees had dropped from the £1.3 million a month mentioned in the report to about £350,000 a month. Mr Talbot said he would not yield to pressure from the committee to assume responsibility for the pensions of those in the Maxwell Communications works pension scheme unless he had a legal duty to do so and so far that duty was still in question.



Phillips: rejects the criticism of his firm

Bastards flock to join stoolpigeons

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Loud cheering rose from the Opposition benches yesterday, as a very poker-faced Rupert Allason rose to welcome regional assistance for his part of England. Allason (Torbay) is the Tory abstainer who thought that if you are going to be absent, you can stay away. But the unwritten rules of the Tory club dictate that a gentleman turns up to be absent in person. Allason has learnt that now.

MPs were discussing the map for regional aid. This was followed by a motion on the control of residues in meat, then a series of debates on such subjects as relations with Latin America, religious persecution in China, minimum packaging and the future of the East Lancashire line. In the best Tory tradition, your sketchwriter decided to absent himself from these debates in person, remaining on the premises in order to be there for as long as he was not present.

I looked in briefly during an interlude of "points of order". A feeling of injustice is troubling Labour MPs. Last week, Madam Speaker told MPs that, in addition to being forbidden from calling each other "young pups" or "hypocrites", and being banned from suggesting that other MPs have not told the truth, they are not allowed to use the term "stool pigeon" of each other.

On hearing Miss Boothroyd's ruling, MPs bit their lips but bowed to her authority. Now they turn on their radios and hear that the prime minister is calling his cabinet colleagues "bastards". There seems to be one law for Downing Street, and another for the rest of Westminster.

So dare a sketchwriter, these days, call that barrack-room lawyer of the Labour backbenches, David Winnick "mischievous"? Winnick (Walsall) rose to ask Miss Boothroyd "whether we can say 'bastards'?" Miss Boothroyd said No. "I am not responsible for what hon members say *outside* this Chamber," she added sternly, rather like a primary school headmistress regretting what some children's parents let them get away with at home, but determined that decorum will prevail inside the school gates. Winnick was left in no doubt. Hon members would employ "moderate language" while she was Speaker.

Dennis Skinner, never slow to spot an opportunity for using a rude word about Tories, made it clear that he was only quoting the prime minister, and asked Miss Boothroyd to help him find out which three of the many Tory bastards on offer Mr Major had in mind. Miss Boothroyd was not playing. She called Nigel Spearing: a *sure sign that* the Chair is in no mood for fun.

Mr Spearing (Lab, Newham S) is a formidable Eurobore and proud recipient of a postgraduate degree in advanced pedantry. His very voice wears cycle clips. He even rises to his feet pedantically, checking each cuff and pausing slightly too long to make it clear he has the right to. "Madam Speaker," he said, in the voice of one whose wisdom this world has not entirely recognised, but will: "I have three brief points of order to put to you . . ."

I exited, bought and drank a cup of tea, made two telephone calls, dictated a letter and returned to the press gallery.

". . . And secondly, Madam Speaker," Spearing was saying. Miss Boothroyd wore the expression of a woman who only by an immense effort of the human will was restraining herself from chewing the arm of her chair. It strikes me that she is only in her early 60s. She faces the prospect of another eight years of this. She cannot leave. We can. I fled.

Walk-on part for Tory man in closing scenes at Christchurch



Trailing behind: Rob Hayward, the Tory candidate, flanked by two aides in Christchurch yesterday, where the "bastard factor" crudely pushed aside VAT on fuel as the hot topic (Jonathan Prynn writes). His campaign agenda stood no chance of attention as journalists queued up to ask their "bastard" questions. *Kenneth Clarke at his most rumbustious might have handled it well, but* yesterday's visiting celebrity was Tony Newton, the unfailingly courteous Leader of the House. He looked distinctly uncomfortable but allowed only the slightest wince to show when asked why the Tory leadership was sending its B-team down for the final week of the campaign rather than its heavy hitters.

During the last weeks before the Newbury by-election the line-up included Michael Heseltine, Michael Portillo and Sir Norman Fowler. Mr Hayward is being supported in his final days by Mr Newton, William Waldegrave and Sir Norman Fowler. Mr Hayward denied that he had been abandoned by the Tory hierarchy to take the flak for the disaster predicted in weekend polls. But the relatively low-key line-up does not compare favourably with the galaxy of opposition stars this week. Labour last night poured into the town *crowd-pleasers such as Gordon* Brown, Mo Mowlam and Glenda Jackson, with Margaret Beckett making a return visit today. Paddy Ashdown topped the bill for the Liberal Democrats at a rally last night with Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Charles Kennedy in support.

Mr Ashdown remains in Christchurch today with Mr Kennedy returning tomorrow to round off what is expected to be a victorious campaign for the Liberal Democrats.

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Anglo-French relations." Downing Street, meanwhile, refused any further comment on the "bastards" disclosure, although investigations are continuing to discover who eavesdropped on the conversation and leaked it.

It is not certain to which three ministers Mr Major was referring, but John Redwood, the Welsh secretary, might have been one. Yesterday Mr Redwood refused to become embroiled. He said: "It's a very friendly cabinet." He also laughed off suggestions that dissenters should resign and made clear that he had no intention of going. Speaking in Cardiff, he referred all questions about the row to 10, Downing Street.

The Tory high command was trying to play down the affair. Gerry Malone, the Tory deputy chairman, said on BBC radio: "It's a bit disgraceful and a bit sly to start releasing off-the-record conversations. I could tell you a few things that very senior people in the BBC say to me off the record about John Birt.

"Cabinets and governments are a bit like a family. My mother-in-law has pretty strong views about me. I've got some guesses about what she calls me. I'm still taking her on holiday next week."

He added: "The prime minister can't win. If he always uses po-faced language about things, then he is seen not to be in touch with the real people. As soon as he becomes a touch robust, then he gets criticised for that."

☐ The BBC said last night that a video recording of the private conversation in which the prime minister referred to three cabinet colleagues as "bastards" had been destroyed by the corporation in confidence (Our Media Correspondent writes). It could not have been leaked to the press by one of its employees.

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Queen and Mitterrand will open Channel tunnel in May

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Channel tunnel will be formally opened on May 6 next year by the Queen and President Mitterrand, John Major announced yesterday at the end of the one-day Anglo-French summit in London.

Putting a positive gloss on his meetings with M Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, Mr Major also announced joint initiatives over EC subsidiarity, science and defence policies.

However, full services on the £2.5 billion Channel tunnel rail link are unlikely to be running by next May because of contractual wrangles and financial disputes that have already delayed the opening, first scheduled two months ago. Eurotunnel said that freight and tourist shuttles between Folkestone and Calais will be working but main links between London and Paris might still be delayed.

Mr Major said the outcome of yesterday's summit, which included talks between eight ministers and their opposite numbers, showed that the two countries had "gone a very long way down the road of co-operation".

One of the key achievements yesterday was a joint agreement on 24 areas of EC legislation that needed to be repealed, withdrawn or amended. Those included tax directives on stock exchange transactions and directives on drinking water and pollution which Mr Major described as "much too detailed and much too prescriptive".

The German government is drawing up a substantial list of its own that will go to the EC meeting in December.

After separate meetings with M Balladur and M Mitterrand, Mr Major said that both governments had agreed to support efforts to reopen negotiations in Geneva this week for a solution to the Bosnian crisis.

The French leaders were less enthusiastic than Mr Major over yesterday's agreements. M Balladur chose not to comment on the meetings while M Mitterrand welcomed Mr Major's success in getting the Maastricht treaty through the Commons and said France would do all it could to help the D-Day anniversary celebrations next year.

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Taylor speaks on right to jury

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, will renew controversy today over the findings of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice when he outlines for the first time his own response to them.

In particular, he is expected to comment on the widely criticised proposals that defendants should no longer have the right to elect trial by jury. The key response still awaited by the government is that of the senior judges and above all of the Lord Chief Justice.

Lord Taylor will be opening the first public debate in *London on the commission's* report at a conference organised by *The Times* and the London School of Economics Mannheim Centre.

The conference, to be addressed by Barbara Mills QC, Director of Public Prosecutions; Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, Michael Mansfield QC and other leading defence lawyers, Lord Williams of Mostyn QC and Lord Runciman of Doxford, chairman of the commission, opens as the *criminal justice bill is expected* to receive royal assent.

The bill, introduced last year, gives back to courts the freedom to consider criminals' *previous convictions when* sentencing and abolishes the controversial means-related fines scheme. But in May Kenneth Clarke, the then *home secretary, announced* he intended amending it to add urgent reforms to court sentencing powers after an outcry from judges and politicians.

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Global-Link Travel

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Reynolds voices fears over Unionist deal

Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, has joined the growing chorus of concern in Dublin over fears that the government has done a deal with Ulster Unionists that could harm political developments in Northern Ireland (Edward Gorman writes). In an interview with RTE radio, he gave a warning against any agreements which might interfere with the resumption of talks; or which departed from existing understandings between the two countries.

Mr Reynolds said he did not wish to see the establishment of a Commons select committee on Northern Ireland. Parliament could decide what it liked, but Dublin would *exercise its right to consultation* under the Anglo-Irish agreement. On Sunday Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, also voiced concern over a Tory deal.

Disease hits humans

Cases of the human form of "mad cow" disease have risen 50 per cent in the last two years to 48, according to government figures. But doctors at the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease national surveillance unit in Edinburgh dismissed suggestions that the increase marked the beginning of an epidemic: it was more likely to be caused by increased reporting.

Mother held GP hostage



A grieving mother who terrified a GP with a toy gun and threatened to set her on fire was freed by an Old Bailey judge. Sheila Henry, 45, left, was unhappy about the inquest verdict on the death of her schizophrenic son. She admitted false imprisonment and was put on probation for three years. Mrs Henry, a nursing assistant from Edmonton, north London, staged the five-hour siege in January.

Emissions plan unveiled

John Gummer, the environment secretary, announced plans to stabilise Britain's emissions of carbon dioxide at 1990 levels by 2000. The proposals, to meet a United Nations convention on climate change, include making government and business premises more energy efficient and curbing vehicle emissions.

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'It is so strange to find this happening in a country which we grew up to believe was civilised'

Asian community mourns boy of 9 murdered in park

BY IAN MURRAY

IT WAS a good afternoon on Sunday for watching cricket and Mohammed Razzaq knew just where to go to see his favourite game. England were being humiliated by the Australians at Headingley but his team, the Slough Asians, were on form and ready to trounce visiting Hounslow. The teams were playing at Salt Hill Park and pleasure ground in Slough, Berkshire, a popular place on Sunday afternoons.

Mr Razzaq, 36, a machine operator whose family have lived in Britain for 25 years, set off after lunch with his good friend Ashtaq. Of course his energetic nine-year-old son, Akhlaq Ahmed, wanted to go too. The boy was not interested in cricket but alongside the ground was an adventure playground with swings and climbing frames. He had been there in the morning and wanted to take his brother Omar, 7, to play there again.

Akhlaq's mother Nasia, 31, was worried about the weather and made her son put on a pullover before they set out. The four left the semi-detached house in Baylis Road, Slough, a respectable area with a Sikh temple and a mosque near by.

It was about 1pm when the men settled down to watch cricket while the two boys ran off to the playground 50 yards away. After an hour or so, Akhlaq returned to his father, saying he needed to go to the lavatory. Mr Razzaq told his son to go home rather than use the public toilets; everyone in the area remembers the murder of a local barman near a toilet in the park about four years ago.

Akhlaq decided that rather than face the long walk home he would put off going to the lavatory and would play a while longer. At 3.05pm, Mr Razzaq decided he had seen enough cricket and his back was aching from sitting on the grass. He asked his friend Ashsaq, 40, who is unemployed, to keep an eye on the boys.

Akhlaq ran back to Omar, but then said he was going to the lavatories in the park after all and ran off towards the sports changing rooms. He was never seen alive again.

He should have been safe there — the lavatories are part of the flat-roofed building that both the cricket players and people playing tennis on the adjoining courts were using. Police say none of the dozens of people who used the changing rooms on Sunday recalls seeing the 4ft 10in dark-haired boy. Detectives believe Akhlaq might have been abducted by his killer in the toilets, or on his way there or while returning to the playground. The changing rooms are only 200 yards from the playground and Akhlaq would have walked across open ground.

Police forensic scientists were still examining the toilets and changing rooms last night but there were no obvious signs that Akhlaq was killed there. Officers do not know how the boy could have been abducted without being seen or without screaming to raise the alarm.

There was no medical evidence of sexual assault, although Det Supt Michael Short, in charge of the investigation, said yesterday: "The fact that he was naked suggests that possibility."

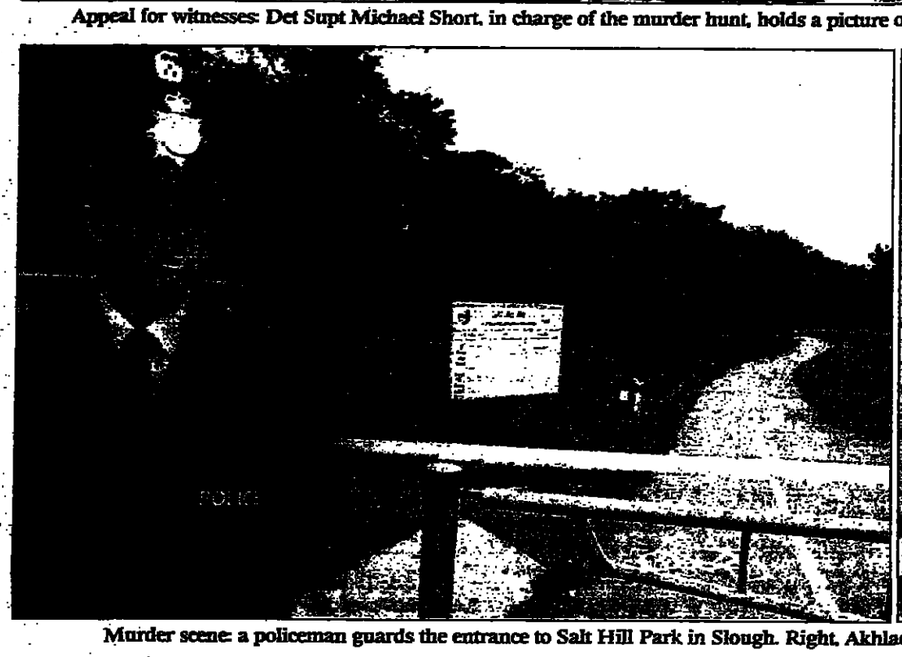
Whatever happened to Akhlaq, it is certain he was dead before his family realised he had disappeared. Ashtaq returned home with Omar at 4pm, thinking Akhlaq had already gone with his father. Both men were surprised to find the boy was missing, but everyone thought he had gone to play with friends. Nevertheless a search party was organised, neighbours were called in and they began to scour streets and the park.

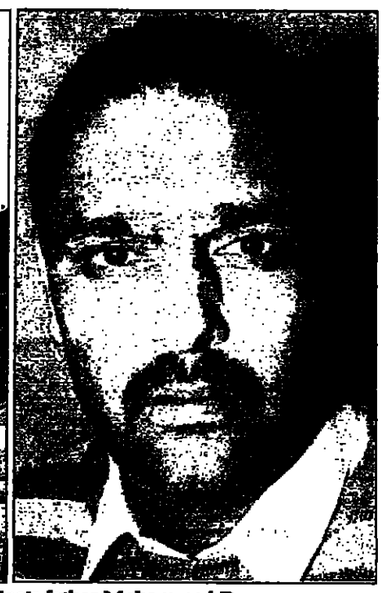
Fears slowly grew and by 7.30pm the parents were frantic and reluctantly went to the police. Two hours later the naked body was found, under a cypress tree.

The Muslim community was rallying round the family yesterday. A constant stream of friends, neighbours and even strangers called to pay their respects and offer sympathy. "This is a total shock to us," said Wiqas Ahmed, an uncle. "In our community, nobody would ever do this kind of thing to a child. We could not treat children in this way. It is so strange to find this happening in a country which we always grew up to believe was civilised."

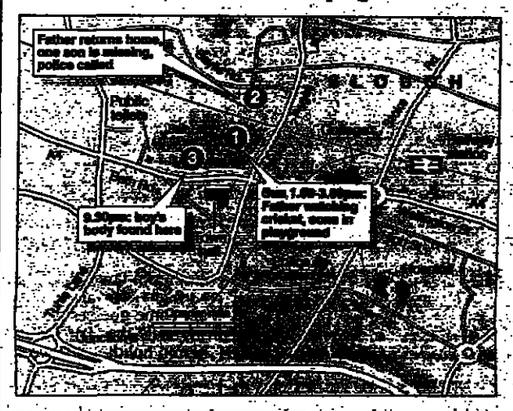


Appeal for witnesses: Det Supt Michael Short, in charge of the murder hunt, holds a picture of Akhlaq Ahmed Razzaq yesterday





Murder scene: a policeman guards the entrance to Salt Hill Park in Slough. Right, Akhlaq's father Mohammed Razzaq



£1m Cartier gang found guilty of gems plot

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A JEWELLERY gang led by one of the world's top safe-breakers and equipped with expensive high-technology equipment was convicted yesterday of planning a £1 million raid on Cartier's workshops in London.

Roy Saunders, 60, who once opened safes legitimately for the police, was caught as he crouched in the basement of a shoe shop next door to the workshops. Arrested with him were Robert French, 45, a locksmith, and Robert Reed, 49, a building developer.

They were convicted at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court of conspiracy to burgle New English Artworks, which manufactures watches for Cartier, last October. They were remanded in custody until August 10 for pre-sentence reports.

Reed, of Islington, north London and French, of Romford, Essex, both claimed they had been planning to raid the shoe shop and the offices in the building next to Cartier. Saunders, of Crawley, West Sussex, insisted he had been drunk and did not know why he or his equipment were there.

Peter Moss, for the prosecution, had described their plan as a "beautifully executed operation", like a plot from a film.

Mr Moss said their equipment included endoscopes — fibre optic tubes used to examine the internal workings of locks and safes — key cutting equipment, specially sharpened drills and a limpet drill designed to be attached magnetically to a safe.

The court was told that the gang had managed to set off the burglar alarm in the building several times that evening to persuade security guards either to turn off the system or ignore it as faulty should it sound during the break-in.

Their plan collapsed when the alarm went off and police, stationed on nearby rooftops after a series of less spectacular burglaries in the area, saw the would-be robbers.

McVicar says son is taking revenge

BY JAMES LANDALE

JOHN McVicar, once Britain's most wanted man, said yesterday that his son had gone on the run to punish him for being in prison during the boy's childhood.

Russell Grant, 28, who is facing charges of armed robbery, abduction and underage sex, is at large after escaping from custody twice this month. Mr Grant allegedly hijacked a car at knifepoint from St George's Hospital in Tooting, southwest London, on Wednesday last week to give prison officers the slip for the second time in a month.

He has an arm and a leg in plaster after falling out of a tree in the first escape from a police station in Kilburn, north London, three and a half weeks ago.

Mr McVicar, 53, who is now a writer, escaped from Durham maximum security jail in 1968 where he was serving a 26-year sentence for armed robbery. He said that most people assumed his son's exploits were a case of "like father, like son" or "chip off the old block". "In fact, his motives are entirely different," he said on BBC Radio Four. "He is essentially getting back at me, I guess, for not being around in his childhood when I was in prison."

He said that his own motives had been different because he had been essentially an "opportunist criminal" but admitted that there were strong parallels between his life and his son's.

He denied feeling proud of his son's escapes but did say that he was "a sporting kid. I guess when someone escapes in difficult circumstances, with a broken ankle, it takes some doing. But ... that distracts from the tragedy that eventually he is going to get caught and receive a long prison sentence and is going to further parody my life."

He said that he had barred his son from his life 18 months ago because there was nothing he could do with him. "Russell, unfortunately, is one of those sorts of people who never goes where the argument leads," he said. "He will just run with his own emotions. I realised that it was absolutely pointless trying to intervene on a rational basis."



McVicar: not proud of his son's escapes

ITV chief switches channels

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ONE of commercial television's leading executives has been poached by the BBC to head its new entertainment department in an attempt to boost ratings and introduce sharper and more lively schedules on both its channels.

David Liddiment, 40, is to leave Granada Television where he was head of programmes. The department head responsible for *Coronation Street* in the late 1980s, he has a reputation as a television heavyweight with a popular touch.

One of his first tasks will be to weed out some of the BBC's tired formula programmes to make way for new talent. Clearing out deadwood began earlier this year with the axing of *Eldorado* and *That's Life!* Other shows believed to be on the hit list include *Jim'll Fix It*.

Mr Liddiment replaces Jim Moir, who was head of light entertainment until earlier this month. He is the second outsider from the commercial sector to head a department; earlier this year, Charles Denton was recruited from Zenith Productions, maker of the *Inspector Morse* series, to run the drama department.

Ratings on BBC1 have been falling and the channel is now to cater less for the middle classes and more for lower socio-economic groups.

Brewery sues retiring Botham

BY PAUL WILKINSON

IAN Botham, the cricketer whose off-field exploits have attracted almost as much attention as his prowess with bat and ball, is being sued by a brewery for allegedly not visiting enough pubs.

The former Durham and England all-rounder is accused of breaking a contract with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries to appear at functions on its premises to recount tales of his cricketing and other experiences. Mr Botham is counter-claiming that it was the brewery that halted their agreement.

The brewery sponsors Durham county cricket club and was a prime mover in luring him from Worcestershire two years ago when the county first entered the championship. It was after Durham's match last week against the Australians that Mr Botham, 37, announced his retirement from first class cricket. The brewery said that the talks deal was a separate arrangement to his player's contract and that it had terminated their agreement with him "as he had not satisfactorily completed his obligations".

Alan Wright, a BBC Radio Cleveland presenter who compered the talks, said: "We did a whole series of talks last year. We must have done about ten across the North East. As far as this year is concerned, the talks did not exist. I'm not sure any have taken place at all. I certainly have not been involved if they have."

Mr Botham, who is in the Channel Islands writing a book on his exploits, said: "I think you have got it the wrong way round. I am suing the brewery.

"We warned them of possible legal action before. I don't think it will get to court because they don't have a leg to stand on."

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Pakistan-born wife of architect 'treated with rudeness and hostility'

Lady Foster sues after airport arrest

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LADY Foster, wife of one of Britain's leading architects, and a daughter were humiliated during an hour-long ordeal in which customs officers subjected them to hostility and rudeness, the High Court was told yesterday.

The Pakistan-born wife of Sir Norman Foster and her daughter India were unjustly arrested at Heathrow airport for allegedly obstructing a search of their hand luggage, their counsel said. At one point one officer asked in an insulting way whether Lady Foster, who speaks seven languages, spoke English.

Lady Foster, who at the time of the incident was married to Andrew Knight, executive chairman of News International, publishers of *The Times*, was overcome by fright at the prospect of being put through the "ultimate humiliation" of a body search, John Mathew QC told the court.

She eventually announced who her husband was and shortly afterwards was told she was free to go. Mr Mathew, a leading criminal barrister who has appeared in a number of high-profile trials, said that when she demanded a telephone to ring Anthony Lester QC, a civil rights barrister, "the officers fell silent and the whole atmosphere changed".

Lady Foster, of Battersea, south London, and her daughter, now India Langmead, are suing Customs and Excise for damages for false imprisonment and "slander by conduct". Mr Mathew said they were marched publicly through the airport's concourses in a manner which would have meant to everybody that they were being arrested for a serious offence.

The Customs, who at the time of the incident in November 1990 were engaged on a security check for documents relating to the breaking of UN sanctions against Iraq in the run-up to the Gulf war, deny the allegations. Mr Mathew said the Customs defence was that the "boot was on the other foot", that the officers behaved impeccably and it was the two women who were aggressive, sarcastic, intimidating, loud and unco-operative.

Mr Mathew said Lady Foster and her daughter were returning from a brief visit to Brussels when Timothy Entwhistle, a customs officer, looked at Lady Foster's Belgian passport and saw it contained a Jordanian visa. "He immediately became hostile, rude and sarcastic."

He became very aggravated when she said she could not remember when she last visited Jordan, and became even more angry and offensive when she suggested he could check the date by looking at the stamps in the passport.

A prolonged search of the women's hand luggage ensued and when Lady Foster asked what he was looking for, the officer replied: "You may have documents."

The women were arrested for obstruction after Lady Foster had asked the officer to hurry with his search or let her help in undoing two parcels containing babywear.

Mr Entwhistle ran off and returned with other officers, who marched the two women to separate interview rooms. "Walking through the public concourse surrounded by customs officers, they could not believe what was happening," Mr Mathew said.

The case continues today.


MARTIN BEDDALL

Court action: Lady Foster with Sir Norman outside the High Court yesterday

U-boat wreck raises souvenir hunt fear

BY PAUL WILKINSON

GERMAN embassy officials appealed to souvenir hunters yesterday not to desecrate an official war grave after the wreck of a first world war U-boat was located in the North Sea.

The remains of the 22-man crew are thought to be still aboard the *UB30*, 160ft down and three miles off the coast of Whitby, North Yorkshire. Colonel Kurt Viertler, military attaché at the embassy in London, said: "We would urge anyone thinking of diving to the submarine to leave it alone. It is classed as a war grave and as a sign of respect we would ask that it should be left in peace."

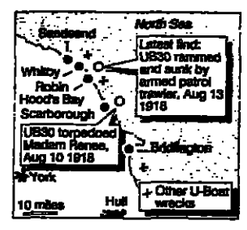
Two years ago, the embassy protested, and questions were asked in Parliament, after another sunken German submarine, one of several off the British coast, was plundered by divers looking for lucrative trophies.

The *UB30* was sunk in 1918 after being rammed and repeatedly depth-charged in a two-and-a-half hour action by allied boats.

Garry Fox, the diver who identified the wreck, said he had no plans to disclose its exact location. "It was fantastic to be able to find a wreck which no one has seen for 75 years, but we do not intend to touch the war grave and other divers would have problems due to the depth."

The 290-tonne *UB30* was a coastal submarine that preyed on allied shipping around the British Isles. Commissioned in Hamburg in 1916, it was interned for six months in 1917 in Holland after running aground on a sandbank.

In the summer of 1918, it was ordered to patrol the Yorkshire coast. On August 10, it torpedoed a 500-ton steamer, the *Madame Renee*, off Scarborough. Three days later, its periscope was spotted by armed trawlers as the U-boat closed in on their convoy, 20 miles north of Whitby. One, the *John Gillman*, rammed the U-boat, which crash-dived.



MP wins payout for radio slur

A radio station paid undisclosed libel damages to Ann Clwyd, shadow heritage secretary, over a claim that she ignored pleas for help from an elderly woman whose death was blamed on bullies.

The High Court was told that a discussion on London's LBC Newstalk might have suggested that Mrs Clwyd took no action over the woman's complaints of victimisation. In fact, the woman approached Mrs Clwyd only about other matters.

Stomach upset

Bernard Galpin, 18, was awarded £3,000 compensation because Gresham's School in Norfolk forgot he was allergic to wheat flour and served a meal which gave him health problems for eight months.

Blast kills man

Experts were investigating the cause of an explosion that killed an eccentric inventor, Laurence Coldwell, 88, at his home in Watchet, Somerset.

Body found

The body of a skinhead man was found partly submerged in a ditch by a couple strolling beside Kew Gardens, London.

Washed up

A boat thief rescued in heavy seas off Kent was arrested by a lifeboatman who was an off-duty policeman.

Walker abused

A man aged 40 was sexually assaulted as he walked in woods near Reading.

Vet in death leap 'had killed wife'

BY BILL FROST

DETECTIVES believe a retired country vet killed his wife with a hatchet as she slept and then jumped to his death from the roof of his home.

Police were called to a house in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, early yesterday after a passer-by noticed a man's body sprawled in the driveway. Officers found a woman dead in a first-floor bedroom with a bloodstained hatchet near by. She had suffered multiple head wounds.

The couple were later named as Dennis Archer, 71, and his wife Margaret, 59. Their daughter Sarah, 25, who was woken by police after sleeping through the incident, was being comforted by other members of the family last night.

Supt Christopher Roberts of Trowbridge police said: "We may well be dealing with a murder and a suicide. It would appear the woman had been murdered. The man had head injuries, although there are different theories on how they were caused." Post-mortem examinations were being done last night.

John Archer, 29, one of the dead couple's sons, said yesterday: "My father has been very ill. Several people have said he was a potentially lethal person waiting to explode. He was suffering from clinical depression. He was receiving medication, but obviously he should have been closely supervised."

At the family's local church of St James, the Rev Chris Brown said: "I am very shocked and saddened. The Archers are very well known here, and have lived here a long time."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



How to follow the chess moves

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

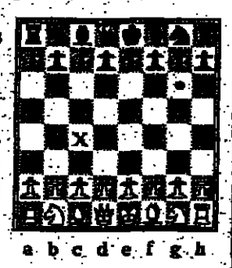
I HAVE been besieged by readers wishing to know how to follow the moves of a chess game. Today, therefore, I am repeating the explanation.

Chess, in contrast with almost all other sports, has a perfect medium in algebraic notation for reliving the drama and details of any specific game. Readers who are comparatively new to the game, or who have learnt only the older "English descriptive" notation, will find what follows helpful. It is assumed that the reader already knows how to play chess.

Each piece is represented by a letter as follows:

Knight	N
Bishop	B
Rook	R
Queen	Q
King	K

The squares on the chessboard are described by co-ordinates, consisting of a letter followed by a number (see diagram). For instance the square marked with a cross is called c4, the square marked with a circle is called g6. This follows exactly the same principle used when finding a place in an A-Z street guide or road map.



Whenever a piece moves, the initial letter of that piece appears at the start of the move. When a pawn moves, only the square on which it arrives when the move is completed is mentioned. For example, in the move 1 d4, a pawn goes to d4 while 3 Nf3 means that in the third move a knight goes to f3.

Captures are represented with an 'x'. For example, 12 bxc4 means that in the twelfth move White captures a black pawn on square c4.

Castling is represented by 0-0, or 0-0-0. The move would look like this:
10 Qd1 0-0

Winning Move, page 40

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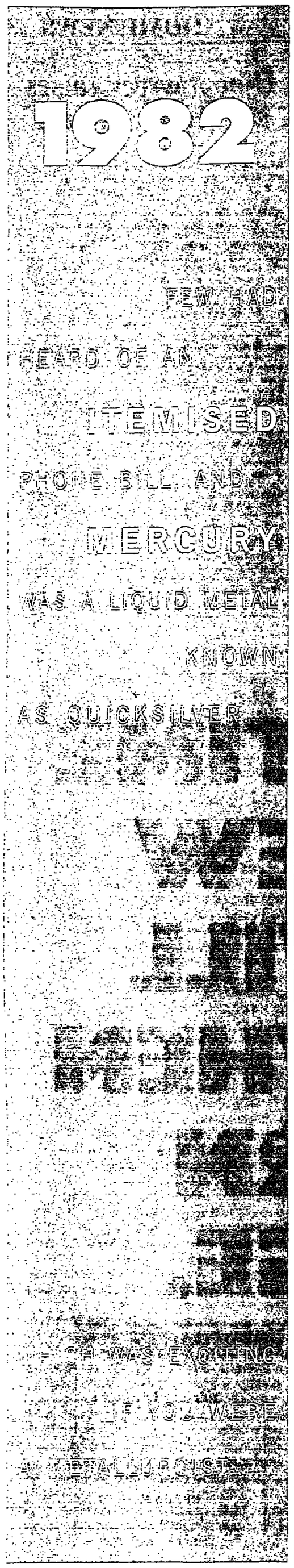
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A nation's future: ***The Times*** follows the fortunes of four 16-year-olds

The optimism of youth confronts realities of the classless society

■ Eight out of ten school pupils will now go on to full-time education after 16. How will they fare in the face of daunting obstacles?

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

An army of 16-year-olds embarks on adult life this week, leaving behind compulsory schooldays after 15,000 hours in the classroom.

The Times will follow the fortunes of four hopefuls, detailing progress in the coming months as they receive their GCSE results and seek a sixth form, training or college place or a job. Have 11 years of education equipped them for the future? Are children who started school under Margaret Thatcher ready for John Major's classless society? Will youthful optimism triumph or slip into apathy in the teeth of recession?

This summer's 726,000 16-year-olds enter a different world to their parents. A generation ago the choices were few: a tiny minority took A levels, the rest found work or apprenticeships.

Now, record numbers are destined for sixth-form and further-education colleges as the switch to mass higher education accelerates. The proportion staying in full-time education and training is expected to exceed 80 per cent as Britain's staying-on rate approaches that of Japan and the United States. Yet the future is daunting, overshadowed by bleak employment and training prospects. Some leavers will sink into the netherland that has grown since the withdrawal of mainstream benefits for the under-18s five years ago. Richard Ford, a pupil at Audenshaw High in Tameside, Greater Manchester, one of the first grant-maintained schools, is swimming against the tide. Despite his teachers' advice and the prospect of excellent GCSE grades, he has rejected the goal of university and is determined to find a job.

Since October, he has bombarded more than 25 employers in a single-minded search for a foothold in accountancy or banking. "I want to get started with my career, learning about what I'm going to do and studying at night school rather than getting just another qualification," he says. So far, his quest has proved fruitless, producing the offer of a single interview for a job in London that he cannot afford to take.

Official figures bear out Richard's predicament. Just 13 per cent of school-leavers found work last summer, compared with 29 per cent in 1985. A new survey of 200 big companies by the IRS, an independent employment agency, finds only a third intend to recruit this year. Almost 40 per cent of companies that recruited last year have decided not to take on people this summer.

Ambition and recognition of the difficulties facing black teenagers in the inner cities are driving Lavinia Sargeant, 16, from Notting Hill, west London. "Why would an employer think of taking on a black person if there is a white person available with the same qualifications? I have seen lots of my friends get stuck," she says.

Initially, Lavinia intended to take a vocational course to become a sound engineer in a recording studio. But, at the last moment, she opted for A levels, swayed by the qualification's high repute. Confusion at the range of vocational qualifications and scepticism at their worth is shared by many employers. Government plans to rationalise the myriad of competing courses are years from completion.

Lavinia needs four GCSE grade Cs to secure her college place. It is a stiff target for a pupil from her small comprehensive, Hurlingham and Chelsea, where just 6 per cent of pupils secured the equivalent of five O-level passes last year. Inspectors recently concluded the school gave cause for serious concern.

While ministers hail the soaring staying-on rate as evidence of a new fashion for learning, careers advisers warn of the downside. John Gallally, who works in west London, says: "An awful lot of young people are staying on when it's not appropriate, people who were either disruptive at school or poor attenders. Previously, if someone left school and could get a job it often matured them. Others are doing A levels when they are better suited to a vocational course." Careers professionals also highlight the impact of the recession on the quality of youth training. In the boom years of the late 1980s, competition helped to keep the standards high. Poor schemes could not survive because pupils left for real jobs. Many consider the situation has deteriorated.

> 'While ministers hail the soaring staying-on rate, careers advisers warn of the downside'

Once on a scheme, teenagers now have little alternative but to stay, work placements have fallen and employers do not feel obliged to offer jobs at the end.

Such pessimism is rejected by Karen Pitham, who starts a two-year youth training scheme for clerical workers at Lambeth council in south London next month. Her three older sisters all got work after training. Karen judges that a job and new skills will be a worthwhile return on pay of just £29.50 a week for the first year of the scheme, rising to £35 when she is 17.

About a third of 16-year-olds are expected to take the most straightforward path this summer and study for A levels, a ten-fold increase since the first year of the examination in 1951.

Tom Reid is one of a growing band switching from the independent sector as parents economise on school fees. Almost 120 of this September's 700-strong intake at Colchester sixth-form college, Essex, will be from private schools, triple the number five years ago. "After boarding, I am looking forward to being a day boy. I will have more free time and be less regulated. It will be useful to mix with a whole range of people," he says.

Decision time for the academic high-flyers comes at 18. But even now the future is clouding. By the time many of this summer's 16-year-olds apply to university, a squeeze on the most popular arts and social science courses will have started after a government cut in tuition fees.

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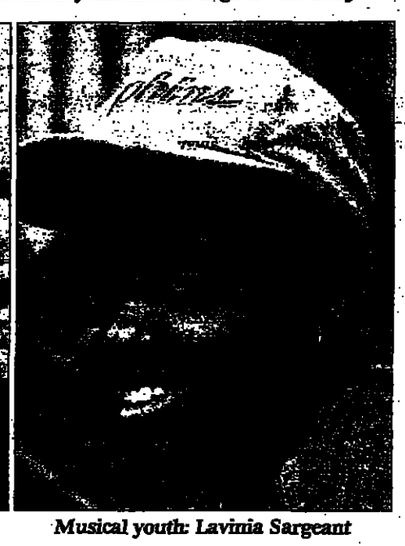
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Confident: Tom Reid juggles for pocket money and intends to go to university



Safe: Karen Pitham has a YTS place



Musical youth: Lavinia Sargeant



Ambitious: Richard Ford wants to start a business and "make millions"



Four take first steps in world of work

Lavinia Sargeant

AGE: 16
EDUCATION: Hurlingham and Chelsea, west London comprehensive
DESTINATION: Considered vocational qualifications but decided to do A levels at a further education college
FALLBACK: GCSE retakes
QUALIFICATIONS: Took eight GCSES — "I might get five grade Cs"
AMBITION: Recording studio sound engineer — "and I'd love to go to Cambridge University"
PARENTS: Father, London Underground track engineer; mother, nursery teacher. Educated in West Indies and England. Neither parent went to university

Tom Reid

AGE: 16
EDUCATION: Felsted School, Essex, independent boarding school, annual fees £10,170
DESTINATION: State sixth form college in Colchester
FALLBACK: "No danger of not getting my grades"
QUALIFICATIONS: Gained two GCSE grade As last year. "I'm predicted seven more grade As"
AMBITION: To earn pocket money by juggling, then go to university, then perhaps enter world of journalism
PARENTS: Father; university computer adviser; mother, supply teacher and juggler. Both university educated

Richard Ford

AGE: 16
EDUCATION: Audenshaw High, grant maintained comprehensive in Tameside
DESTINATION: Job in either accountancy or banking
FALLBACK: Sixth form college
QUALIFICATIONS: Took seven GCSEs. "Hope to get all As and Bs"
AMBITION: To find work, start a business and "make millions"
PARENTS: Father, electrician; mother, school dinner lady. Neither went to university

Karen Pitham

AGE: 16
EDUCATION: Norwood Girls' School, comprehensive, Lambeth, south London
DESTINATION: Youth training scheme in clerical work for Lambeth council
FALLBACK: Place secure
QUALIFICATIONS: Took five GCSEs, expects "maybe three grade Cs"
AMBITION: To work in an office
PARENTS: Mother, canteen worker; father, college caretaker. Both left school at the earliest opportunity

American pupils succeed amid social turmoil

*In one American school, with its own armed guards, education offers the only escape from the gangs and crack dens of Los Angeles, **Ben Preston** writes*

THE class of '93 at Crenshaw High School, a predominantly black school in a Los Angeles ghetto, is named "Nailah". It translates as "ones who succeed".

There is no room at Crenshaw for any English ambivalence towards learning. Two armed guards stalk the corridors and metal detectors at the gates stop pupils carrying guns and knives.

Education offers the only escape from the gangs and crack dens that lurk amid the deceptive suburban avenues, green lawns and painted bungalows of south central Los Angeles, scene of last year's riots.

It is a message drummed relentlessly into the school's 2,300 pupils. Teachers preach the power of self-improvement with the intensity of a modern-day Samuel Smiles.

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance," reads one of the many posters urging pupils to achieve. Crenshaw's strict rules and mission to build pupils' confidence and raise expectations clearly work. Where English school-leavers often sound optimistic yet vague about their future, pupils at Crenshaw talk in certainties born of iron will and self-belief.

The school's record of getting pupils into four-year university courses is unrivalled in a city depressed by the quality of its state education. Last year, 34 per cent of Crenshaw's 18-year-olds went to Californian colleges, a five-fold increase in six years, compared with the city average of 20 per cent.

The success is partially explained by the introduction of a so-called magnet programme for a stream of gifted pupils. Crenshaw specialises in teaching children with an IQ of more than 135. However, the impact of the programme has stretched beyond the minority of high-ability pupils by generating a culture of success among the comprehensive majority.

Behind the statistics lie stories of individual triumph that prove the American dream survives, even in communities beset by unemployment, single-parent families, drug-taking, welfare dependency and violent crime. Teenagers with attitude can succeed.

DeAndre Bowman, 18, is a former gang member who is going to college. For almost three years he hung around with about 50 teenagers — collectively known as All Out Kickin' It — in a world of random violence graphically portrayed by the director John Singleton, a former Crenshaw pupil, in the film *Boyz N The Hood*.

"Sometimes we got into fights, most of the time just fist fights. Sometimes guns were involved, usually when someone brought their father's gun out," he says.

DeAndre singles out Crenshaw's teachers for turning his life around. "In every classroom you know the teacher cares," he says. "If you miss a day or are late for class, they want to know why. The attitude is to become the best you can. At my other school they could not care less."

Crenshaw has also had to cope with the influx of Mexicans, who are changing the racial make-up of Los Angeles. Juana Duenas, 19, arrived seven years ago unable to speak English. With an 80-year-old father, she and her mother relied on a network of 12 older brothers and sisters for refuge and money. Juana studied at night, at first too scared to venture outside, then too wise to be ensnared by street life.

"School helped raise my expectations. Teachers talked to me a lot about college," she says. "If you do not have an education you cannot make something of yourself." Juana starts a biology course in September at Occidental College, Pasadena, one of the top 25 universities in the country.

In a city where racial segregation is fact, Nat Jacobs, 18, is the only white boy at Crenshaw. Almost 65 per cent of pupils at the last black-majority school in Los Angeles are Afro-American, with 34 per cent from the burgeoning Hispanic community.

Nat joined the gifted pupil magnet stream despite many warnings. "My friends said I would get shot but I like it here," he says.

"It is a good school with excellent teachers who are very tough and demanding."

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Treaty sceptics begin last-ditch effort to block Major

Government 'acting illegally' in attempt to ratify Maastricht

BY FRANCES GIBB AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE government was accused in the High Court yesterday of acting unlawfully in seeking to ratify the Maastricht treaty without the authority of Parliament.

The accusation came at the start of the historic legal proceedings in which Lord Rees-Mogg, former editor of *The Times*, maintains the government is by-passing the sovereignty of Parliament.

David Pannick QC, leading a four-strong team of barristers for Lord Rees-Mogg, said the essence of the case was that, contrary to the requirements of Parliament and the common law, the government was seeking to change the content of European Community law and transfer powers enabling the Community "to determine our foreign and security policy".

The action begins after last week's political drama in which the government won a Commons vote of confidence for ratification of the treaty. Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge is seen as a last-ditch attempt by the anti-Maastricht lobby to block ratification.

The nub of the case is that because Parliament has not approved the social protocol, the government cannot lawfully proceed to ratify the treaty.

Mr Pannick was at pains yesterday to assure Lord Justice Lloyd, sitting with Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld, that the legal action did not threaten the rights and privileges of Parliament. Nor did it concern the "merits or de-merits of the decision of the United Kingdom to sign the Treaty of the European Union and the protocols" [the Maastricht treaty]; nor its "political, economic or social wisdom or folly", he said.

Last week Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the Commons, had warned the courts about overstepping the line in their scrutiny of Parliament, reminding them that the Bill of Rights of 1688 places a statutory prohibition on the questioning of parliamentary proceedings. Mr Pannick said that Lord Rees-Mogg's case did not depend on Hansard material and he would not be seeking to refer to it unless that became necessary.

Court six in the Royal Courts of Justice was crowded for the start of the judicial review proceedings which Lord Rees-Mogg, sitting flanked by lawyers a few rows back from the front of the court, has described as perhaps the "most important constitutional issue to be faced by the courts for 300 years".

The government has agreed not to take any further steps towards ratification pending the outcome of the legal proceedings including the expected appeals to the Court of Appeal and House of Lords.

Mr Pannick said the essence of the challenge was that "contrary to the requirements laid down by Parliament itself, and contrary to common law requirements, the Crown, through the government, intends, without authorisation of Parliament, to increase the powers of the European parliament to alter the content of Community law." It intended to transfer to the institutions of the European Community "powers to determine the content of our foreign and security policy".

Mr Pannick outlined three main points on which he intends to argue the case that the ratification proposals are legally and constitutionally flawed.

The government would be in breach of section 6 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act, as the UK intends to increase the powers of the European Parliament by ratifying the protocol on social policy; without parliamentary authority, it also intends to alter the content of the Treaty of Rome by ratifying the protocol on social policy; and finally, also without parliamentary authority, it intends to ratify Title V of the Treaty on European Union, dealing with provisions on a common foreign and security policy, which, he argued, transferred away from the UK prerogative powers.

On the first issue, Mr Pannick said that, although the Treaty on European Union was approved, that approval did not include the protocol on social policy because it was not part of it but was annexed to the treaty establishing the European Community (the Treaty of Rome).

"So the protocol on social policy has not been approved by Parliament for the purposes of section 6 of the 1978 act. Nor can it be said that the protocol on social policy has implicitly received such approval (even if, which the applicant Lord Rees-Mogg disputes, such power exists)," Mr Pannick said.

Because it had not been approved, it would be unlawful for the United Kingdom to ratify the protocol if, as was agreed, it provided for an increase in the powers of the European parliament. Such ratification would be in breach of section 6 of the 1978 act.

The second point, Mr Pannick said, was that the Crown had no lawful prerogative power to ratify the protocol on social policy because it would alter the Treaty of Rome. That required parliamentary approval.

He added: "The Crown intends to introduce amendments to the Treaty of Rome without Parliament having recognised this. Section 2(2) [of the 1972 European Communities Act] gives means by which these changes to the Treaty of Rome should be implemented.... The Crown cannot amend the fundamental law of the United Kingdom contained in the Treaty of Rome without some parliamentary authorisation to do so."

In the final point of his submission Mr Pannick said the Crown had no right to transfer elements of Britain's foreign and security policy to the European Community. Citing laws dating to the 17th century, he said: "The fundamental prerogative powers of the Crown cannot be transferred to some other person... Were Parliament to approve the transfer of foreign policy powers to the institutions of the Community then that would undoubtedly be a lawful act. Our point is that there has been no parliamentary approval of the powers contained in Title V [of the Treaty on European Union]." Opening the case for the foreign secretary, Sydney Kentridge QC rejected Lord Rees-Mogg's application as "based on fundamental constitutional misconceptions".

He dismissed Lord Rees-Mogg's submission that his challenge to the treaty did not concern its economic or political wisdom. "What is under attack here is not just the decision of the Crown to ratify the treaty as a whole it is also an attack on Parliament's decision to endorse that step."

To laughter Mr Kentridge added: "One may recall Clausewitz and say that sometimes judicial review may be the continuation of politics by other means."

He agreed with Lord Rees-Mogg that the hearing did not encroach on proceedings in Parliament. But he said that some of Lord Rees Mogg's affidavit contained "unfortunate phrases". Mr Kentridge said: "I would submit that that is something to be taken with great seriousness and would ask that those passages be withdrawn so that there is no conflict in these proceedings."

The case continues today.

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Challenger: David Pannick, leading Lord Rees-Mogg's team in court



Rees-Mogg: last-ditch attempt to block treaty

'Brainiest' barrister takes up challenge for Rees-Mogg

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Rees-Mogg's legal challenge over the Maastricht treaty is in the hands of a Queen's Counsel who has been described as "the brainiest barrister of his generation".

David Pannick, who at 37 is one of the youngest QCs in the country, has appeared in a long and high-profile list of cases, including *The Satanic Verses* and *Spycatcher* affairs.

He has built up a formidable reputation in the growing field of judicial review, where he has acted as often for the government as for those, such as Lord Rees-Mogg, who are taking on the government and contesting a public law decision.

Tipped by insiders as a candidate for a top post in the judiciary, he recently steered through the successful appeal against the home secretary's refusal to reconsider giving hanged Derek Bentley a post-humous pardon.

Mr Pannick also saw off a challenge by solicitors when he acted for the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, in two actions mounted by the Law Society, one on legal aid fees in magistrates' courts and the other over legal aid cuts.

Mr Pannick was called to the Bar in 1979 and built up a formidable reputation in the field of public law after coming to the public's notice in a succession of human rights and discrimination cases. He was a front-runner for the key post of Treasury counsel, which went last year to Stephen Richards, who is one of the counsel on the team for the foreign secretary in Lord Rees-Mogg's case.

The father of three whose wife, Denise, is also a barrister, Mr Pannick is highly regarded for his unflappable, straight to the heart of a case style of advocacy.

Born and bred in northeast London and now living in Hertfordshire, he won a scholarship to Hertford College, Oxford, where he gained a first in law and became a Fellow of All Souls.

Despite his academic credentials his manner remains approachable and down-to-earth. A particular ability is clarity and speed of thought in defining the nub of an argument.

Mr Pannick is a regular contributor of articles to the press (including a regular column in *The Times*) and has also published two books, one entitled *Judges* and the other *Advocates*, in which he has taken an incisive, affectionate but critical look at his fellow lawyers.

Presiding judge is on his way to Lords

BY FRANCES GIBB

LORD Justice Lloyd is the Court of Appeal judge presiding over the legal challenge by Lord Rees-Mogg.

The case, which he is hearing along with Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld, could be the last which he sits on as an Appeal Court judge: it was announced last week that he is being promoted to the House of Lords.

Before moving to the Appeal Court in 1984, Sir Anthony Lloyd was a High Court judge from 1978. One of the outstanding intellects among the senior ranks of the judiciary, he was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took a first class in his classical tripos and a first class with distinction in his law tripos.



Lloyd: relaxes with music and carpentry

He was vice-chairman of the Parole Board in 1984-5 and was chairman of Sussex Association for the Rehabilitation of Offenders from 1985 to 1991. His other positions include vice-president of the British Maritime Law Association. Among his recreations are music and carpentry and "formerly running", as he puts it in *Who's Who*.

Lord Justice Mann, a Lord Justice of Appeal since 1988, was the inspector in the Vale of Belvoir coal enquiry in 1979-80. He was called to the Bar in 1953 and was junior counsel to the Land Commission from 1966-71. He took silk in 1972, became a Crown Court recorder in 1979 and a High Court judge in 1982.

Mr Justice Auld was promoted to the High Court bench in 1987. He chaired the William Tyndale Schools' enquiry in 1975-6 and was counsel to the Brixton riots enquiry.

A case of youth versus experience

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT



Kentridge: chosen as the "barrister's barrister"

WITH Sydney Kentridge QC fending off the challenge by Lord Rees-Mogg for the government, the High Court is witnessing a contest between youth and experience.

South-African born and trained Mr Kentridge, at 70, is well known as the lawyer of the Biko family at the inquest into Steve Biko's death. Within the profession, Mr Kentridge could claim to be the eminence grise of the common law and administrative law bars, where he holds the accolade of having been chosen as the "barrister's barrister".

He was the profession's choice of counsel when the Bar mounted its own legal action against Lord Hailsham, then Lord Chancellor, in 1985, over legal aid fees. The action was settled.

The Guardian briefed him to present the Sarah Tisdall official secrets case in the House of Lords, where the appeal was dismissed. Lord Roskill complimented him on his "able argument" and "persuasiveness".

In court his tone is calm, quiet and measured, the unperturbable voice of experience. He has a fearless reputation and a sharpness of mind and analytical abilities matched by a refusal to be intimidated. There are occasional flashes of his dry wit.

Mr Kentridge is said to be one of the highest earning silks at the Bar (he featured in a newspaper article two years ago as one of a golden circle of lawyers whose earnings approach seven figures). In South Africa he built up long experience in political and civil rights trials, where his reputation was unrivalled. Then, after 39 years at the South African bar, he began transferring his practice to London, although he still takes on cases in the South African courts.

A graduate and honourary fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, he served with the South African forces during the second world war, became a senior counsel in 1965 and was called to the English Bar in 1977. He appeared as a junior defence barrister in the treason trial in which Nelson Mandela was one of the 156 accused. All the defendants were acquitted. He also took part in the investigation into the Sharpeville massacre of 1961.

Tory divisions over Europe resurface in the Commons

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

Continuing Tory disagreements over Europe surfaced in the Commons yesterday when Sir Teddy Taylor, a leading Euro-sceptic, spoke of "the sad events of last week".

His comment came in questions to Tony Newton, the Leader of the House, who also rejected a Labour claim that the government had reached "a squalid deal" to gain the support of the Ulster Unionists in last week's votes on the Maastricht treaty. Mr Newton told Sir Teddy (Southend E) that the government had no plans to bring forward proposals amending the House's sub-judice rules, and said this would primarily be a matter for the Speaker. Betty Boothroyd. Sir Teddy said that the point of his question had been overtaken by "the sad events of last week".

In a reference to today's opening of the High Court challenge over the treaty, he urged Mr Newton, "in the new spirit of comradely friendship" to "offer good health and fortitude to Lord Rees-Mogg in the important battle for British freedom he is now embarked upon".

Mr Newton replied: "I fear you may be stretching my current spirit of goodwill just a little with the latter part of your question."

Mr Newton was asked by Harry Barnes (Lab, Derbyshire NE), if the government was "now in a position to announce the formation of a Northern Ireland select committee. The Commons Leader said ministers had made it clear on a number of occasions that "this is a matter which we continue to keep under review".

Mr Barnes told him: "I don't know whether that answer will satisfy the Ulster Unionists, who are understood to have entered into a squalid deal with the government in connection with the advance of their position within this House." Mr Newton replied that it had always been recognised that there was a case for a Northern Ireland committee, which was why the procedure select committee had made observations on the matter in its 1990 report.

"As for your further allegations of what you choose to describe as 'a squalid deal', I can do no better than repeat what the prime minister said ... on July 23 when he said: 'Nothing was asked for, nothing was offered and nothing was given'." These sentiments had been repeated from the Unionist benches, Mr Newton added.

Henry Bellingham (C, Norfolk NW) said a Northern Ireland select committee was long overdue. He added: "The arguments being put round that it would somehow look like an encouragement to integration are rotten arguments and should be completely ignored."

Mr Newton said he hoped that, rather than talking of "a squalid deal", the House might wish to be reminded of remarks by Kevin McNamara, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, "about the way in which he saw the future government of Ireland". He added: "It seems to me that one need look very little further for reasons as to why Ulster Unionists might wish to support the government."

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Portillo considers 'Medicard' plan to curb health bill

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, is still considering a number of proposals to curb the NHS drugs bill, including schemes to limit prescription exemptions to the very poor, it emerged yesterday (Jill Sherman writes).

Since the political outcry earlier this year over similar reports, Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, has repeatedly denied that the government intends to charge pensioners for prescriptions. However Mr Portillo is said to be interested in a scheme to end the flat rate prescription charge and introduce a "Medicard" at a cost of £60 a year per person, or £120 for a family. Under the scheme, proposed by the Institute of Economic Affairs yesterday, only those on income support and those on the basic state pension would be exempt from charges. Others would pay the market price for drugs unless they had a Medicard. The institute estimates that the plan, which it calls "voluntary catastrophic insurance", could raise between £1 billion and £2.7 billion a year.

David Green, health and welfare director of the IEA, says that if 70 per cent of pensioners and 20 per cent of other people bought the Medicard, about £1.5 billion would be raised. This would be nearly six times the £250 million now raised by prescription charges.

Mr Portillo had a recent meeting with members of the rightwing think tank and was said to be enthusiastic about the idea in the longer term. However he has warned members of the group that the plan would not be politically acceptable for at least the next 12 months or longer. He argues that while many people would like more choice and more independence they are not prepared to forego the free services the state currently provides.

Other schemes which Mr Portillo is said to be considering include charging Britain's pensioners £1 for each prescription instead of the £4.25 present flat-rate charge, or exempting only the very poor from drug charges. About half the population and 82 per cent of prescriptions are now exempt from any charge.

The report, which was given to Mr Portillo in draft form, will reopen the debate about rationing in the NHS. Mr Clarke has made it clear that the government will honour its manifesto commitment to real increases in health service spending until the end of this parliament. However, as part of his long-term spending reviews, he will be looking at both short-term savings and more radical changes in health provision for a fifth term.

☐ *Medicard: A Better Way to Pay for Medicines?* Institute of Economic Affairs, 2 Lord North Street, London SW1P 3LB. £5.45 (inc p&p)

JIM HODSON



National incident: Tony Banks protests at Norway House yesterday against the resumption of whaling

MP held in protest against whaling

POLICE freed the Labour MP Tony Banks without charging him yesterday after he chained himself to the door of Norway House in central London in protest against Norway's resumption of whaling.

Mr Banks, the MP for Newham North West and an animal rights campaigner, was one of 35 people arrested in the protest, organised by Greenpeace. Police attempts to free him were unsuccessful and the fire brigade was called, Mr Banks's office at the House of Commons said. He was taken to Charing Cross police station.

Mr Banks said he had been demonstrating his disgust at Norway's slaughter of whales. "I was hoping not to be charged." He said he had even enjoyed his time in the cell. "I found it quite restful because there was no telephone and no one to badger me and I actually went to sleep in there." He pledged to continue protesting against animal cruelty and the killing of whales.

Major dispels 'wimp' image

No reader of the Alan Clark diaries or listener to the Richard Nixon tapes will have been surprised at John Major's descripton of trouble-making ex-ministers as "bastards". This is how politicians talk about rivals in their own party. They are generally more polite about opponents in other parties.

Harold Wilson often suspected plots against him by members of his own cabinet, while Margaret Thatcher's "one of us" description of her supporters did not imply total affection for members of her cabinets.

In a perverse way, the leaked comments of Mr Major may do him some good with the public. They may dispel his false image as a "wimp", the result of his desire to appear courteous. The remarks show the real John Major, a dogged and determined politician who has become tougher over the past year.

The immediate fuss about the leak is already blowing over. Mr Major is, however, fortunate that he will not face John Smith again at prime minister's questions before the summer recess starts later today.

But the remarks will not be forgotten by MPs. They are revealing about the state of the Tory party. They expose as hypocrisy most of Friday's talk about drawing lines in the sand and happily reuniting. Mr Major suspects and loathes his Tory critics. There may be no witch hunts, largely because that would be futile given that most of the rebels are supported by their local parties. But there will be no early forgiveness.

Mr Major's comments reflect his precarious position as the head of a government with a tiny majority. There remain serious risks of Tory splits, especially as many admirers of his predecessor still hark back to what he described as "a golden age that never was, and is now invented". Several right-wing ministers still toast the lost leader in the Lords. In government, they have remained loyal in public, if not always so discreet in private, but on the backbenches they could be a threat: "We don't want another three more of the bastards out there."

As Mr Major said, the rebels contain several of the dispossessed — "ex-ministers going around causing all sorts of trouble". They are fractious captains rather than colonels. There is no general around to lead the dissenters, as Michael Heseltine did in the late 1980s. But any of the three cabinet right-wingers, and particularly Michael Portillo, could be a serious challenger, though at present they are content to pursue their views and ambitions from the inside.

Norman Lamont is the most formidable of the current ex-ministers, but he has so far operated on his own. Mr Major's frankness should, however, put to rest any lingering charges about Mr Lamont's alleged disloyalty over his devastating resignation statement.

Mr Major's comments may also throw new light on his views on the social chapter. According to some of his critics, they imply that his opposition was a matter of party management to avoid resignations rather than of deep-seated principle. They argue that he has had no real objection to the chapter. That applied both in December 1991 when Michael Howard, then employment secretary, stiffened his determination to secure the British opt-out, and more recently when the possibility of agreeing to the chapter to secure ratification of the treaty was raised.

Mr Major emerges from the leaked comments as quintessentially the prime minister as shrewd party manager. That has ensured his survival, so far. But he needs to be more than that if he is to prosper again.

PETER RIDDELL

Aid plan attacked

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

THE government's plans to withdraw state aid for some areas and to give it to others were attacked by Labour MPs in the Commons yesterday. The government was accused of gerrymandering the assisted area map to prop up falling Tory support in the South East. Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, spoke of "pork-barrel policies".

Gerald Kaufman, Labour MP for Manchester Gorton, complaining that his area was losing assistance, said that was why "my constituents use the word about the prime minister that he uses about members of his cabinet".

Although the announcement was made on Friday, Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, agreed to a Labour request for a Commons statement to enable MPs to have their say before the House rises for the summer recess today and the new map becomes operative on Sunday.

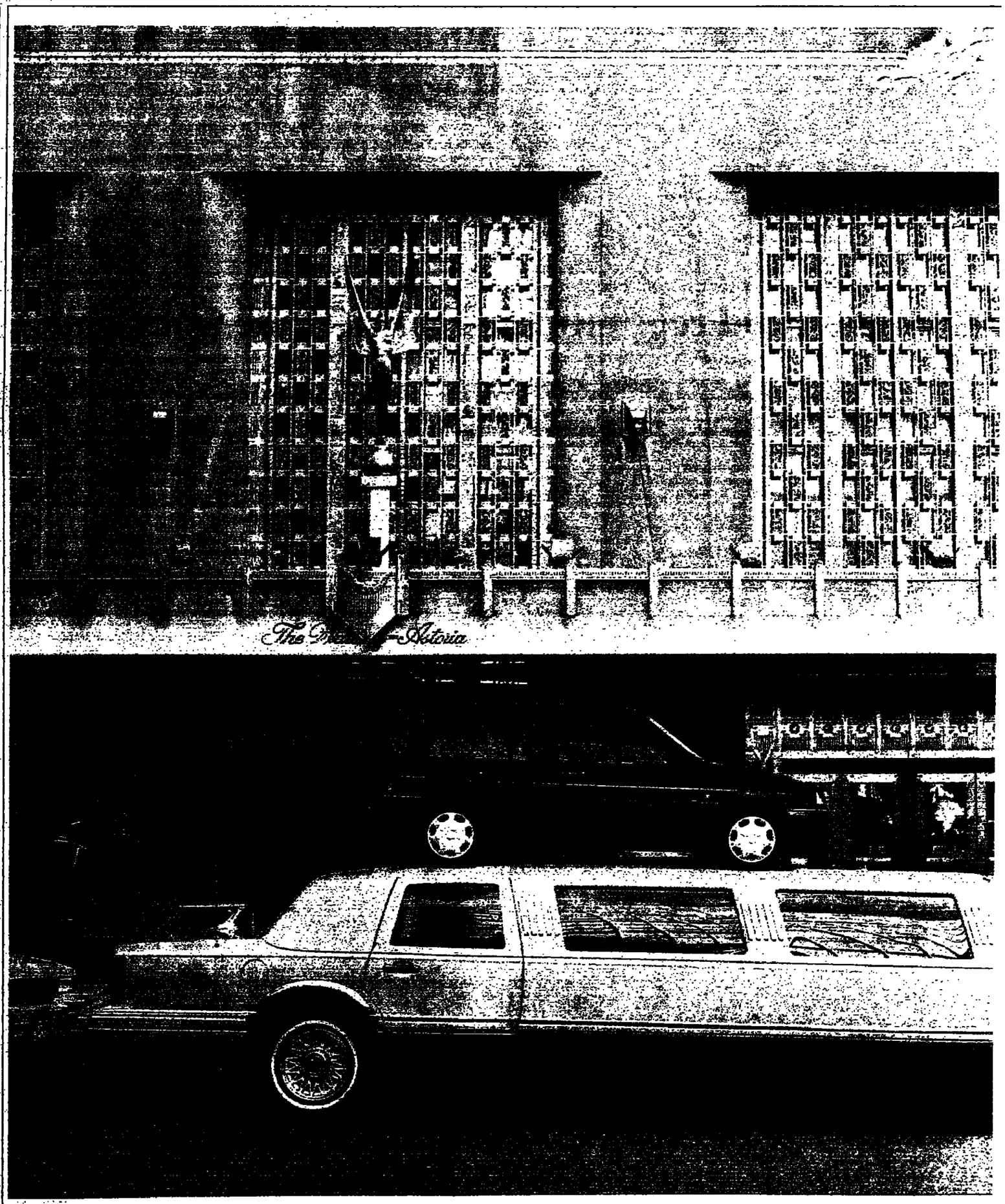
Assistance is to be provided for some areas in the South East and around London for the first time and Labour accused the government of creating poor areas out of what were once prosperous areas. Mr Sainsbury said that the government was aiming the aid where it was really needed and he pointed out that assistance had been discontinued in areas where unemployment had fallen.

Robin Cook, for Labour, accused ministers of trying to "solve a growing problem with a shrinking budget".

He said the government was paying for extensions of the aid map by "taking away help from towns that still need support".

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Summer recess debates on a variety of topics.
Lords (2.30): Finance bill, second reading and all stages.



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Pretoria unveils draft constitution as civil war fear grows after church massacre

Right wing rejects 'recipe for ruin' and plans rival talks

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A DRAFT of South Africa's first post-apartheid constitution was unveiled yesterday amid an outpouring of white anger over the church massacre in which 11 people, mostly white, were killed on Sunday. Black political organisations also expressed outrage at the slaughter during evensong.

The draft provoked an immediate outcry from the Conservatives as a nationwide manhunt was launched to find the gunmen who struck the congregation at Kenilworth in Cape Town. "It is a recipe for civil war, further economic deterioration and a spiral of violence and crime, which will reduce the country to ruin," Ferdi Hartzenberg, the Conservative party leader, said.

The party also said that it was withdrawing from the multiparty talks, where the draft was unveiled, which are being held outside Johannesburg to negotiate a transfer to a non-racial democracy. The proposed constitution would be temporary, and would in five years be replaced by a revised, more permanent arrangement.

Even though the document is still not fully complete, and has not been debated in the negotiating council, the extreme right-wing Conservative party has rejected it. Dr Hartzenberg said: "This constitution is hostile against Afrikaner interests and it makes it impossible for the CP to participate further in the manipulated farce of the Kempton Park negotiation process." Dr Hartzenberg said that his party would push for effective alternative methods within the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag) and the Afrikaner Volksfront in an attempt to find a peaceful and meaningful constitutional solution. Cosag is believed to be planning to hold a summit of its leaders within the next two weeks when it will consider the formation of a breakaway constitutional convention.

The new constitution is the product of a technical committee established by the negotiators. It was officially presented to the negotiators yesterday and the first debate on it began later. If accepted at the talks the newly adopted constitution will be the one under which next year's elections will be held. Those elections will produce a legislature, which will also act as a constitution-writing body, but all constitutional change will have to be carried by a two thirds majority of members. It is clear that a number of concessions have been made by Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and its allies to the point of view of the government and even to the ideas expressed by the Inkatha Freedom Party.

There is a fairly detailed plan for a regional governmental set up, for example, even though the ANC and its allies had originally wanted the regional question to be settled by an elected constitution-making body. Similarly the new draft envisages a second parliamentary chamber, a senate whose members will be elected from the regional legislatures.

"We have made concessions on these questions." Esop Pahad, one of the representatives of the South African Communist Party at the talks, said. "We have not just stood there and said this is where we are going to die to the last drop of our blood."

The Inkatha Freedom Party, which like the Conservative Party walked out of the negotiations three weeks ago, was not present yesterday to hear the presentation of the new draft. Its delegates were in Ulundi, the capital of KwaZulu, where a decision was expected on whether they should resume participation in the talks.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, made it plain in the lobby of the World Trade Centre yesterday, that the negotiations would proceed with or without Inkatha and the KwaZulu government. "We have to go on," he said. "We have no choice."

Key points

- Election of a 400-member National Assembly by proportional representation
- Senate to comprise ten members from each of the regional legislatures
- A commission on regional government to be appointed by the president within 30 days of interim constitution
- National Assembly and Senate jointly to form a constitution-making body
- This body to adopt constitutional text by two-thirds majority within two years of parliament sitting, followed by referendum requiring 60 per cent approval
- The establishment of a constitutional court



Hospital round: Allan Boesak, left, the Western Cape leader of the African National Congress, talking yesterday to Noel le Clue, 57, who was wounded in the leg in the attack on a Cape Town church

Revulsion and recrimination mark white worshippers' deaths



De Klerk: cleared his diary to visit survivors

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

A REWARD of 250,000 rand (£50,000) was offered yesterday for information leading to the conviction of five men who carried out the mass killing of worshippers at St James's church in Kenilworth, Cape Town, on Sunday evening.

Another seriously injured victim died early yesterday, bringing the death toll to eleven. An outpouring of white anger and fear has gripped the country. The killings are a constant topic of conversation in shops, offices and radio phone-ins.

President de Klerk cleared his diary to visit survivors of the attack at Groote Schuur hospital, while virtually every religious and political organisation condemned the attack and expressed shock and horror.

The African National Congress said it was a monstrous crime against humanity. "This is the latest in a series of barbaric and vicious armed attacks which have taken place since the announcement of significant agreements" said Allan Boesak, the ANC's Western Cape chairman. "It is absolutely crucial that the sinister forces behind these attacks are brought to book before they can do any more damage."

The hardline Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) denied responsibility. In Tanzania, Willie Mazambane Zweni, Apla's information officer, said none of the organisation's field units claimed responsibility. "We have become accustomed to a lot of hullabaloo from the racist administration any time whites are attacked in South Africa, but not much is said when Africans are murdered," he said.

The neo-Nazi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, or resistance movement, said the attack bore the trademarks of communist tactics against Christian churches.

The Conservative Party, the AWB's more respectable partner in the Afrikaner Volksfront right-wing coalition, issued a statement under the name of Ferdi Hartzenberg, its leader. "Although everyone is daily witnessing the government's inability to maintain law and order, the CP nevertheless calls on it to no longer let itself be intimidated by the ANC and to act strictly against terrorists and those in possession of illegal weapons," Dr Hartzenberg said.

More liberal opinion is now emphasising the need to concentrate on completing the constitutional negotiations, and both government and non-government spokesmen have been at pains to urge whites not to contemplate revenge attacks.

Police in Cape Town have established an operations centre in a hall next to the church. The policeman in charge of the hunt for the five gunmen who carried out the attack are investigating similarities with attacks on whites in East London and King William's Town last year.

In the black township of Daveyton, another eight people died during the night in a series of "drive-by" shootings, bringing the total of deaths in the area to more than 30 in a week. Five gunmen driving in a blue minibus pulled up outside a house where a party was being held, and sprayed the party-goers with bullets from AK47 assault rifles and 9mm pistols. No rewards have been offered to find the Daveyton killers.

"We don't matter," said the wife of the local ANC chairman yesterday, bitterly contemplating the difference in the reaction.

The profound craving for peace in Daveyton has already led to a series of conferences between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party and the police, and although each side blames the other for starting the troubles, they managed at the weekend to sign a peace agreement.

Kenilworth, where the church attack took place, is a cosy upper middle-class white suburb tucked into the back of Table Mountain. Nearby is Bishopscourt, where the Anglican archbishop's palace and the British ambassador's residence are situated. Frank van der Velde, the mayor of Cape Town, has opened a fund for victims of the killings, and asked all Capetonians to wear a white ribbon on their lapels as a symbol of the desire for peace.

No ministers have visited Daveyton. No fund has been established for the victims. No one is wearing a white ribbon in Daveyton.

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Clinton pounds the miles to win over the waverers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has slashed the list of people entitled to government cars and drivers. He has cut the black-tie state dinners. Today the most coveted status symbol in this status-obsessed capital is to be asked to join the president on his morning run.

This may boost one's stature, but it is hardly fun. Mr Clinton sets out at dawn, or in darkness during winter. His companions have often had negligible notice — state governors leaving a White House reception at midnight were invited to return at 6am. And although Mr Clinton sets off slowly, he soon picks up momentum that leaves the less fit gasping.

A "straggler van" has been added to the motorcade that trails the puffing president pounding three or four miles through early commuter traffic. Savvier politicians, such as Richard Riordan, Los Angeles's new mayor, have learnt to sit in this vehicle for much of the run, rejoining the president as he returns to the gaggle of photographers waiting at the White House.

For Mr Clinton, the morning jogs give him a chance to woo wavering congressmen before key votes. Whips on Capitol Hill have compiled lists of all those interested in running with him, and when the jog is over he usually takes them back to the Oval Office for further suasion.

Running also enhances the president's image. Jogging with the likes of Florence Griffith-Joyner, the Olympic athlete, reinforces the idea that Mr Clinton is the vigorous leader of a new generation, but there are pitfalls. Jimmy Carter's collapse from exhaustion while jogging in 1979 became a metaphor for his presidency.



Clinton: leaves the less fit gasping

Carpet traders ordered to free child slaves

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

■ India, under threat of an international boycott, has said that it will stop children being forced to make carpets illegally. Delhi's statement of good intentions is unlikely to change the status quo

INDIA, faced with the threat of an international boycott of handmade carpets, has told rug manufacturers to stop using child labour within three months. It is the toughest official response to one of the cruellest practices in the country.

The order is unlikely to make much difference. The carpet-making industry in India, as in Nepal and Pakistan, operates mainly in private homes. In the Mirzapur carpet belt in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, tens of thousands of children work illegally at looms, usually in dingy, unhygienic conditions. Many youngsters are sold to loom owners by their parents, and in effect are slaves.

Campaigners against child labour have persuaded some foreign importers not to buy Indian and other South Asian rugs woven by children. Attempts are being made to identify manufacturers who will guarantee that carpets are not made by child slaves. German importers, in particular, are demanding guarantees that they are not buying rugs made illegally by children.

G. Venkat Swamy, the textiles minister, said "stringent legal action" would be taken against anybody using child labour after the deadline. He announced that the government was supporting campaigns to promote the sale of Indian carpets abroad, particularly in America, to counter the "wrong image" about child labour.

He expressed concern that a move in the US Congress to ban goods made by children could affect the sale of Indian rugs. He said a distinction should be drawn between bonded child labour and children engaged in traditional family skills such as weaving.

The employment of children on their parents' looms is not illegal in India. According to government figures, the carpet industry employs 1.5 million people, 54,000 of whom are children working for wages. Another 66,000 are said to be children working on family looms. Most welfare organisations dispute the figures: the Bonded Labour Liberation Front, an activist group, estimates that there are 200,000 bonded child weavers in Uttar Pradesh. Others put the figure at half that.

Bonded child labourers have almost no prospect of rescue, as government officials and police accept bribes from loom owners. Children working illegally with parental connivance would be lucky to earn £10 a month, which is given to their parents. Such youngsters are to be found in almost every village in the Mirzapur area, usually at small looms in ill-lit mud huts.

Dust from yarn causes respiratory problems: activists say children's eyes are ruined by working in poor light, and backs are permanently deformed by sitting at looms for 12 or more hours a day. The loom owners' argument that children's small fingers make for better weaving is rejected by reputable rug-makers as nonsense.

Bonded children, who usually sleep alongside the looms and are not allowed to go home, might receive a few rupees a week, but often they get nothing except food. They are sometimes beaten, and some loom masters give drugs to keep them awake. Promises to send wages to parents are invariably broken, and hired thugs often prevent family members from taking away children.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Forty-four survive Korean air crash

Haenam, South Korea: A South Korean airliner carrying 106 passengers and crew crashed in driving wind and rain on the country's southern tip yesterday; 44 people survived, rescue workers said.

Local villagers, police and medical workers braved storms on the rugged mountainside to pull the injured and dead from the wreckage of the Asiana Airlines Boeing 737-500. The plane had circled two or three times over Mokpo airport as it tried to land after a flight from Seoul, 190 miles to the northeast.

"The plane descended and then flew between two hills. I fastened my belt and there was a big bang. That's all," Moon Hyong Kun, who was injured in the crash, said. "The plane looked like crumpled paper. I was sitting in the back row. Most of the passengers in the back row escaped alive."

Kim Hyun Shik, 20, was trapped in the wreckage, but managed to climb out and run over a mile to a police station to raise the alarm. Forty-five people, including a Japanese woman, survived the crash but a baby died before reaching hospital, a government spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Army warned

Peking: China's senior generals warned the armed forces in a newspaper article that they must not be seduced by capitalism and the love of money into giving up their only true mission, which was to keep the Communist party in power. *(Reuter)*

Indian vote

Delhi: The main Indian opposition parties of the left and right combined to bring a motion of no confidence in the minority Congress party government of P.V. Narasimha Rao. The motion will be voted on tomorrow. *(Reuter)*

Somalis killed

Mogadishu: American troops, using a Cobra helicopter, killed at least six Somalis, including a woman and a child, after Somali militiamen fired on an American post south of Mogadishu. The lorry used by the Somalis was destroyed. *(Reuter)*

Storms return

Washington: The Midwestern flooding disaster took another turn for the worse as parts of Nebraska were hit by tornadoes, thunderstorms and hail stones the size of a golf balls. Elsewhere more people were evacuated amid fears of more dam bursts.

Name dropped

Canberra: Australia's pro-republican government will ban organisations from using "royal" in their titles unless the prefix was already part of the official name, Bob McMullan, minister for administrative services, said. *(Reuter)*

Marcos deal

Manila: President Ramos of the Philippines agreed that the remains of Ferdinand Marcos can be buried in the late president's home province of Ilocos Norte after simple rites. His remains are still in a crypt in Hawaii. *(Reuter)*

Servants raped

Kuwait: The government said 186 foreign domestic servants have been reported raped or kidnapped here since the Gulf war ended in 1991. Kuwait has a population of 1.3 million people and there are 168,747 domestic servants. *(Reuter)*

Izetbegovic backs down and heads for carve-up talks

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

■ The Muslim leader is being pushed to abandon his insistence on a multi-ethnic Bosnia. But an accord in Geneva will still not pave the way for peace

THE Bosnian partition talks look set to resume today with the arrival in Geneva of President Izetbegovic, who had twice delayed leaving Sarajevo because of one of the fiercest Serb offensives and bombardments in weeks.

He capitulated yesterday to international pressure and flew to Switzerland where talks will be held with President Milosevic of Serbia, President Tudjman of Croatia and the Bosnian Serb and Croat leaders.

In Saravejo, General Francis Briquemont, the United Nations commander, denounced Sunday's tank attack on French soldiers as deliberate and malicious and vowed his troops would return fire immediately and forcefully the next time. In 45 minutes, rebel Serbs fired 68 tank, mortar, and anti-tank shells at a company of 100 men. Four UN vehicles were destroyed and six others damaged.

"I want you to know that this is the last time we will restrain ourselves from our right to self-defence," the angry general said. "I have told all my commanders that they must reply and that they must fire on the aggressor immediately."

President Izetbegovic arrived in Geneva as Lord Owen, co-chairman of the talks, made clear his belief that if he did not come and give his assent to the Serb-Croat partition plan for his country then the Bosnian Muslims would be left with nothing. Mr Izetbegovic heads a multi-ethnic presidency delegation, but its Croats are loyal to President Tudjman, not Bosnia, and its Serbs are politically insignificant. Before leaving, Mr Izetbegovic said: "I hope it will not be taken wrongly if I say that the point of my particular concern at these negotiations will be the Muslim nation, because I belong to it." The words appeared to signal that Mr Izetbegovic might be close to agreeing to the Serb-Croat plan to divide Bosnia into a confederation of three ethnic mini-states.

Officials in Sarajevo say that even if Mr Izetbegovic is forced to abandon his insistence on a unified multi-ethnic Bosnia, there would not be peace. Hundreds of thousands would be left on the wrong side of the ethnic front lines, and armies would simultaneously be fighting to expel them and protect their own people.

In reply to the Serb-Croat confederation plan, generally accepted as a blueprint for a greater Croatia and a greater Serbia, the Bosnian presidency will counter-propose a federation plan. This bears a striking similarity to the Vance-Owen proposal which was killed after the Bosnian Serbs rejected it and the international community dropped threats of military intervention.

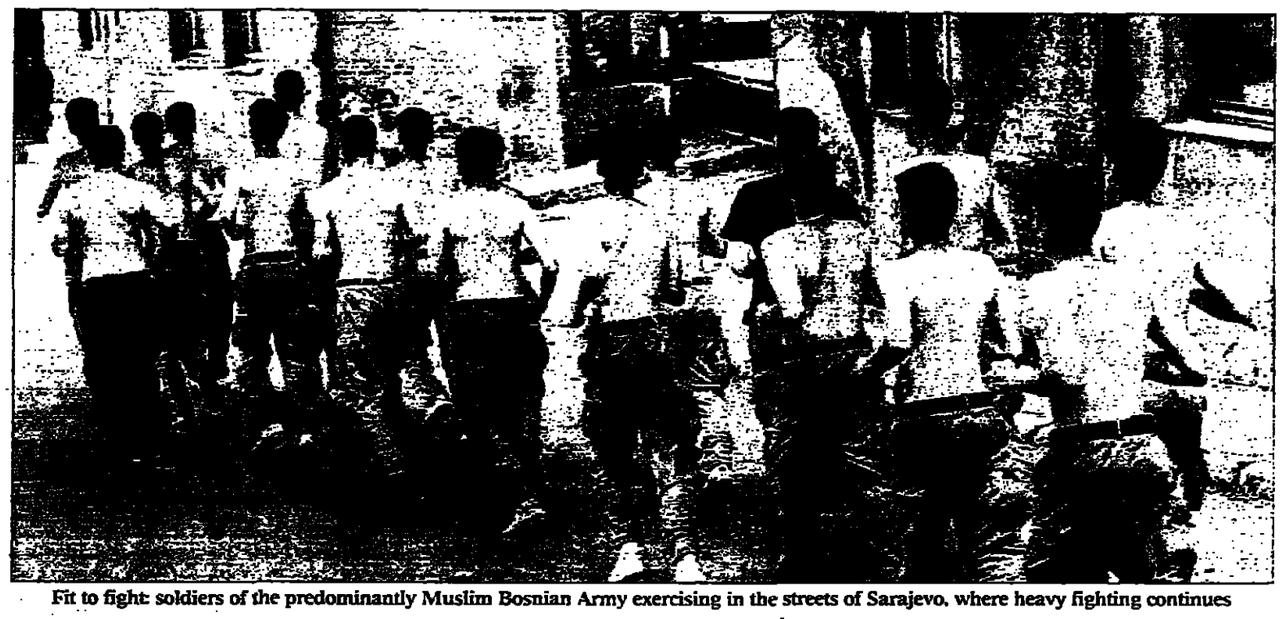
Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said he was not optimistic about the talks. "Unfortunately I do not expect anything from the Muslim leadership. They are encouraged to let the war go on."

Diplomatic sources in Geneva say they believe that with no threat of military intervention the Bosnian Serbs are pulling back from their confederation proposal, wanting to cut the Muslims out of any deal and divide the country only between themselves and the Croats.

Much of yesterday was spent by Serb politicians insisting that Sunday's attack on the French UN base in Sarajevo, contrary to categorical UN claims, was a put-up job by Bosnian forces in an attempt to have the blame pinned on the Serbs. In central Bosnia, the town of Bugojno was reported by Croatian radio to have fallen to the predominantly Muslim Bosnian army.

As casualties mounted, a group of Bosnians wounded in the siege of Sarajevo were airlifted to Germany on their way to hospitals in America. Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, said that 683 Croat civilians, including 48 children, had been killed in central Bosnia since early June and that Muslim forces led by Mr Izetbegovic were threatening the Croats with genocide. In Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, angry farmers blocked roads demanding that, with rampant inflation, the state peg the price of the dinar to the German mark.

☐ **Kuala Lumpur:** Frank Wisner, the American defence undersecretary, said Washington would support plans by Malaysia and other Islamic nations to send peacekeeping troops to Bosnia. *(AP)*



Fit to fight: soldiers of the predominantly Muslim Bosnian Army exercising in the streets of Sarajevo, where heavy fighting continues



Decay of war comes to rest in ancient Mostar

■ Croats, Serbs and Muslims are destroying Mostar in their struggle to control the ancient city. Soon there will be little or nothing left to conquer

BY JOEL BRAND

VIEWING the homes destroyed along the front line in Mostar, it is difficult to imagine any sort of negotiated resolution to the war. Though a paper will probably be signed in Geneva when the time comes, the future of Bosnia is being decided with firepower and not diplomacy.

"This is not going to end until the fighting is finished here," said Marjo Milikevic, crouching in a trench 100 yards from Bosnian army posts. Mr Milikevic commands 50 men in the Croats' anti-terrorist group, which controls part of the most volatile front line in the city.

"They want more territory than they can take and that is the problem for them," said Mr Milikevic, 33, dressed in a flower and golfer-print shirt and US-style fatigue pants.

Overhead, Nato warplanes drone peacefully, enforcing the United Nations flight-ban. But along this stretch of the Boulevard of the Revolution in Mostar, the jet-engines can be heard only during momentary lapses in the fighting.

Fierce volleys of automatic weapon, sniper, and artillery fire whistle across the semi-circular boulevard. For the past month it has been the stage for an almost continuous exhibition of martial strength and death as the two armies struggle for control of a once prized ancient city. First the Serbs were pushed out, then the Croats and Muslims turned on each other, and now little is left intact.

Still, it is the main city in the east of the republic and, before the war, home to an equal number of Croats and Muslims who have few places to go in a region devastated by fighting and overflowing with refugees. "It will be the Muslims that are gone, not me," Mr Milikevic declared.

The mostly Bosnian Muslim army is fighting wars against two enemies, with few weapons and dwindling supplies of food, medicine and ammunition. Hemmed in on all fronts, the Muslims, Bosnia's largest ethnic group, and their few remaining loyal Croat and Serb allies, appear to have little hope for anything but a military defeat or a capitulation couched in the language of diplomacy, as a "negotiated settlement".

Since there is a large imbalance of power in Bosnia a political settlement is unlikely. Rebel Serbs and Croats have no reason not to carve-up the republic, seizing all the territory they can.

In Mostar, most of the shooting is from west to east, Croat to Muslim. The Croat side is supplied with food, electricity and weapons along an open road with Croatia. The Muslims have to bring their supplies in by foot over a mountain, and even that comes from central Bosnia, itself under siege and short of supplies.

Mr Milikevic claims President Izetbegovic of Bosnia "is bringing his people here to die". He said: "They don't have supplies or support and they are all going to die." He then let loose another fusillade across the boulevard.

In a bunker on the Croat side of the line, Luka Barisic, 31, puts worthless one Yugoslav dinar coins into cans to be strung along the front line as a primitive warning system. "At least we've found a use for it," he said. Asked what the fighting is all about, he declared: "They want a state that they don't have. The Croatians have a state and the Serbians have a state, but the Muslims want a state that doesn't exist. They want a Muslim state in Europe."

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Rouble reform leaves little change in pockets of Russians


Yeltsin: looking at how to profit from muddle

The long overdue currency reform was an exercise reminiscent of Soviet days. While conceived on a grandiose scale, it was realised in chaos, Anne McElvoy writes



THE sights outside Moscow's state savings banks yesterday ranged from the absurd to the heart-rending as the draconian currency reform ordered by the central bank at the weekend came into effect.

Many branches had received neither clear instructions on the regulations nor enough new notes to pay out. Even those who queued early to be able to change their 35,000-rouble (£24) limit in old notes for new were handed large denominations and found that shops had not yet been issued with new change.

By late yesterday President Yeltsin had amended the bank's decree, declaring that Russians could change 100,000 roubles (£65) for new notes by the end of next month. The bank had amended its regulations earlier to say that last year's 10,000-rouble (£7) notes could be exchanged without limit. The average Russian had no chance at all of knowing what was happening to the money in his wallet at any given moment.

This was an exercise reminiscent of Soviet days to the extent that it was a centralised bureaucratic measure conceived on a grandiose scale and then translated into chaos in real life. It was also, however, very much the product of the New Russia in the sense that it was vague, badly drafted and amended the day it came into force.

Four housewives, unable to find anyone with change for their crisp new notes, were compelled to do the weekly shopping as a collective, with one buying all the bread, the second the meat, the third the milk products and the fourth, cleaning fluids. Many stores were still empty anyway after the ravages of the Saturday outbreak of "locust shopping" as people rushed to rid themselves of their old roubles by hoarding supplies.

Outside the branch in the Dorogomilskaya Ulitsa near the Russian parliament, a bank official was making a list of places in the queue. She offered a woman who had travelled from Ukraine slot 1,067, while the counters inside were dealing with only 60 people an hour, which meant she would reach the teller sometime on Wednesday. "How will I survive in the meantime?" she asked?

Nobody had an answer to that one. As a non-Russian she is entitled to change only 15,000 roubles (£10). The rest of her old money has to be banked for six months at low interest rates in an attempt to stem inflation. The rail fare back to Kiev is 45,000 roubles (£30). What was she to do about the shortfall? There was no answer to that either and she started to cry.

The measure hits citizens of the former Soviet republics outside Russia hard and has led to confusion, with some republics such as Belorussia and Kazakhstan immediately following the central bank's ruling without question, while Uzbekistan and Tajikistan are refusing to withdraw old notes at all. The suddenness of the announcement and its peremptory tone seem calculated to irritate already jagged economic relations between the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Supreme confusion reigns, however, about who is pulling the strings and to what end. Boris Fyodorov, the reformist finance minister, fired off a dramatic statement accusing the bank of using "Bolshevik methods" intended to undermine President Yeltsin's leadership. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary speaker and Mr Yeltsin's main rival, who is usually in league with the central bank against the government on economic policy, said it was nothing to do with him and should be revoked.

On the bank's side, Viktor Gerashenko, the chairman, who normally is verbose in his stubborn resistance to the government's monetary policy, is nowhere to be heard and second-tier officials are doing all the talking about there being "no cause for panic" while the people do the only rational thing in the sorry circumstances and panic like mad about what will become of their savings.

The reaction from Mr Yeltsin is oddly muted. His response so far has been to cut short his holiday and return to Moscow, yet the official statement on this claims that his decision was prompted by the aggressive behaviour of parliament in the past week, not by the rouble reform. He has watered down the central bank's ruling by increasing for Russians the ceiling on money that can be changed immediately, but — as yet — has left its basic thrust unchallenged.

The bank appears to have acted arrogantly, without full consultation with Mr Yeltsin, but if the reform had been effected principally to damage him, one would expect him to be rather crosser than he has seemed so far. Mr Khasbulatov is hurrying away from the scene of the crime as fast as he can, but it is difficult to believe that he was entirely innocent because the bank is under parliament's jurisdiction.

Mr Yeltsin's problem is how to respond to a move that is economically sound but politically provocative. There was far too much money swilling around and feeding the inflationary spiral: reform was long overdue and he will not want to repeal it entirely. This variant, however, is proving deeply unpopular and he and Mr Khasbulatov are mulling over how best to profit from the discontent while the citizens, once again, find themselves as pawns in a game of power whose prize is beyond roubles.

Yeltsin waters down currency changes in face of public rage

FROM ANNE MCELVOY AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

CONFUSION over Russia's currency reform deepened yesterday as President Yeltsin watered down the central bank's weekend order for the withdrawal of pre-1993 notes from circulation but failed to condemn it explicitly, despite claims from his supporters that it had been enforced without his knowledge in an attempt to undermine him.

In a decree signed for immediate effect, Mr Yeltsin changed the ceiling up to which Russians can change old notes for new from 35,000 roubles (£20) to 100,000 roubles, and extended the period for exchange from two weeks to the end of August. His measures are intended to defuse the political strife fomented by the sudden and drastic reform, while retaining its anti-inflationary thrust.

There was disagreement within the government over the effects of the reform. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, backed the move, saying that it would drain off excess roubles flooding in from the former Soviet republics and hit speculators. However, Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister and the main economic adviser to the president, denounced it in a statement from his holiday resort in America as a "political provocation" aimed at discrediting the leadership and at making Russia appear "a laughing stock in the eyes of the world". Mr Fyodorov said that the measure would have little effect on inflation.

Valentin Stepankov, the public prosecutor, has declared the reform illegal and called for its immediate reversal, and the media are pouring out doomladen commentaries on the adverse effects of the shock measure.

Mr Yeltsin was due to address the nation on television last night after panicking savers had besieged banks to get new roubles. There is deep public dissatisfaction with the government's indecisive response to the bank's initiative but uncertainty about who is to blame.

"It is all of their fault," screamed one elderly woman clutching bundles of old notes outside a Moscow bank. "Yeltsin, parliament and the bank have messed up the economy between them and now they want to put it right using our savings."

Goods are now available only for new notes, but lengthy queues and a shortage of fresh notes meant that many people went home without viable currency in their pockets.

The fiercest criticism of the reform has come from former Soviet republics outside Russia which will suffer a hefty knock-on effect. Ukraine yesterday led the chorus of disapproval. Officials in Kiev accused the Russian government of bad faith in not informing its neighbours before the change.

Viktor Pynzenyk, the deputy prime minister, said: "We had no information apart from what we saw on television." The reform seems to have undermined commitments secured this month on moves towards closer economic cooperation between Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia.



Counter measures: Muscovites pushing to get old notes changed at a bank yesterday after President Yeltsin extended the exchange ceiling

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Turkey presses for UN troops in Azerbaijan

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

THE Turkish government asked yesterday that a United Nations peacekeeping force be sent to Azerbaijan to check what it calls aggression by Armenia. Turkey has accused the international community of neglecting Azerbaijani sufferings and losses.

Last week, Azerbaijan suffered another defeat when Armenian forces captured the headquarters town of Agdam, a few miles from the border with the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. A three-day ceasefire between the two sides is in effect until midnight tonight, in order to give time before negotiations. It was agreed by Azerbaijan apparently out of exhaustion and a fear that the Armenians were about to capture the entire southwest of the country.

The acceptance of the ceasefire by the Karabakh Armenian forces may reflect pressure from the government in Yerevan, which has been trying to rein in radical nationalist field commanders. Pressure on Armenia has come not just from the government of Tansu Ciller, the Turkish prime minister, but from the West and Russia.

Mrs Ciller said she would telephone world leaders and send delegations to back Ankara's demand for deployment of a UN force including Turkish troops, the Anatolian news agency reported from Ankara. "We want to convey Turkey's weight and the concern it feels to everyone at the highest level," she said.

Azerbaijani leaders held a meeting on Sunday in the town of Barda, the new headquarters, to plan the strengthening of Azerbaijani defences. Surat Husseinov, the new Azerbaijani prime minister and military leader, described the loss of Agdam as a "temporary setback" and vowed to create a "combat-effective army". Most Western observers believe that a counter-attack by Azerbaijani forces is unlikely.


Ciller: wants to convey Ankara's concern

Turkey has close ethnic links to Azerbaijan, and has repeatedly warned Armenia not to capture more Azerbaijani territory. But the successful military rebellion last month by Mr Husseinov, generally regarded in Turkey as a Russian-backed coup, has diminished Turkish sympathy for the Baku government.

Neighbouring Georgia yesterday edged closer to a ceasefire with the rebel forces who control most of the Georgian autonomous republic of Abkhazia. A Russian ceasefire plan was accepted in principle on Sunday by Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, but Georgia is trying to extract concessions so that the Abkhazian forces cannot simply walk into Sukhumi, the regional capital held by Georgian troops. Heavy fighting continued yesterday around Sukhumi as the Abkhazian forces reportedly tried to drive the Georgians from positions captured last week.

The Russian plan provides for Georgian troops to leave Abkhazia and be replaced by Russian forces and UN observers. Moscow, however, has been seen as the main covert backer of the revolt, and Georgian nationalists have denounced Mr Shevardnadze's acceptance of the plan as a capitulation dictated by the Russians.

Vote for Popular mandate

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

DELEGATES to a constituent assembly of Italy's Christian Democrats were expected last night to approve a change of name to Popular Party in an attempt to counter flagging electoral fortunes.

A new label is seen as vital to restore the image of the party after the investigation and arrest of hundreds of its politicians in the corruption scandal that has engulfed Italy and allegations that leaders such as Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, and Antonio Gava, the former interior minister, had close links with organised crime.

The final document, which has been approved by leaders of the party's factions, confers "extraordinary powers" on Mino Martinazzoli, the secretary, to remove regional and provincial officials hindering the renewal of the party.

It states that "the unity of a country is a fundamental good", meaning that the Christian Democrats in their new incarnation are going to eschew alliances with the devolutionist Lombardy League, which is the largest party in much of northern Italy.

Bankers poised to shut lid on Bechstein

FROM BETTINA VESTRING IN BERLIN

BECHSTEIN, the legendary German piano manufacturer whose early customers included composers Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner and Claude Debussy, has filed for bankruptcy.

Karl Schulze, its manager, said yesterday that the 140-year-old Berlin firm faced liquidation because of heavy losses, falling sales, and the refusal of its banks to provide new loans. But he said he hoped that C. Bechstein Pianofortefabrik GmbH, which employs 68 people, could still be saved if the Berlin state government stepped in to rescue it.

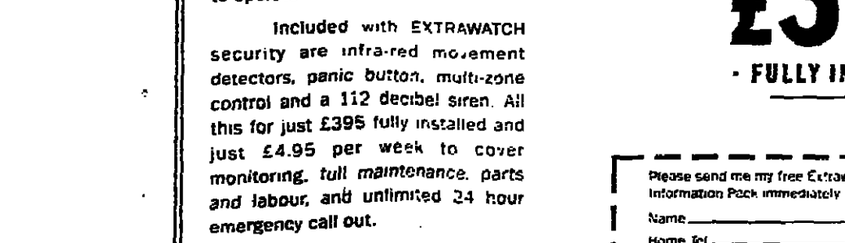
A spokesman for the Berlin economy ministry said it was considering whether it could help by providing loan guarantees, taking a stake in Bechstein or buying property from it. But the firm would only be bailed out if it had a real chance of surviving.

Herr Schulze, the main shareholder in Bechstein, did not specify how much the firm was losing. But he told the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* that sales had fallen by three million marks (£1.2 million) to 20.8 million marks in 1992 and were expected to reach only 15 million marks this year.

Bechstein, which competes with the American Steinway and Austria's Bösendorfer at the top end of the piano market, made 350 grand pianos and 600 upright pianos last year. Herr Schulze said that, with total worldwide sales of pianos plummeting to around 600,000 a year from a million in 1990, Bechstein had abandoned plans to increase production this year. The company was established in 1853 by Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Bechstein. It quickly established a worldwide reputation and by 1910 it made nearly 5,000 instruments a year and employed 1,100 people. Bechstein opened the Wigmore Hall in London in 1901.

The company remained in the hands of the Bechstein family until the 1960s, when it began selling shares to the Baldwin Piano and Organ Company in America. Baldwin became owner in 1973 but sold the firm in a management buy-out to Herr Schulze and other executives in 1986. Bechstein has faced intense competition from low-cost manufacturers in Japan and South Korea. *(Reuter)*

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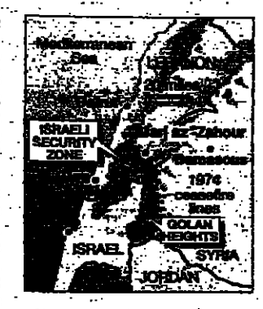
Israelis and Lebanese abandon villages as shelling intensifies

FROM RICHARD BEESTON WITH ISRAELI FORCES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

ISRAELI and Lebanese civilians living among this hotly contested frontier yesterday shared a common fate as villagers and townsfolk alike abandonded their homes on the border region, leaving the field to battling soldiers and guerrillas.

On the second day of the fiercest fighting for a decade between Israeli forces and Shia Muslim fighters of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah organisation, the two sides engaged in a cynical exercise of bombing each other's civilian population centres in the hope of wearing down their opponents. At the largest Israeli artillery concentration inside Israel's self-declared security zone in Lebanon, gunners were bombarding almost continuously villages as far as 20 miles deep into Lebanon.

"Sometimes we get orders to fire at active targets, like areas where Hezbollah has been firing Katyusha rockets at our northern settlements," said Lieutenant Zeev, an artillery



officer serving in "Thunder Battallion", whose 12 175mm guns have sent hundreds of 100lb shells crashing into the deceptively tranquil hills of southern Lebanon.

However, he admitted that "most of the shelling is used as psychological warfare intended to scare away the villagers", either as a tactic to make Hezbollah fighters unpopular with the local civilian population or to clear the ground for an expected offensive by Israeli infantry units sometime this week. "So far we have given Hezbollah the first course," said Colonel Ranaan Gissin, an Israeli army spokesman. "But we have many more dishes on our menu if they continue to attack us."

The possibility of a broader attack by Israeli ground forces increased yesterday as Hezbollah gunners continued their bombardment of Israel's northern border area, firing more than 50 Katyusha rockets from the coastal plains in western Galilee to the eastern town of Kiryat Shmona, where one woman was injured yesterday when a block of flats took a direct hit.

The Israeli development town, normally a bustling regional centre of shops and offices with a population of 23,000, was transformed into a garrison base with only soldiers moving to and from the front line to be seen on the streets. Shops and offices remained closed for a second day and thousands of schoolchildren were evacuated to safer areas for a five-day unscheduled "holiday".

Those who remained behind spent most of their hours inside shelters or protected security rooms, which have become a standard feature in every home in the area. "We used to insist on everybody remaining here whatever the circumstances, but now we feel that women and children should leave during the period of fighting unless they have a specific reason to stay," said Yonadav Mizrahi, who was organising the evacuation of the town's teenagers.

Although Israelis living near the northern frontier have become accustomed to the regular bouts of tit-for-tat shelling along the Lebanese border — the impact of the fighting will seriously affect this already depressed region, which depends heavily on tourism and new investments to keep the economy afloat.

In addition to the woes of his northern citizens, Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, yesterday faced a fresh clamour for action by the public and the more hawkish numbers of the opposition right wing, who insist that the government must not allow the situation in Lebanon to return to the status quo ante, but must inflict a decisive blow against the Hezbollah guerrillas.

Battle rages, page 1



Smoking gun: Israeli artillery in the south Lebanon "security zone" firing yesterday at Hezbollah guerrilla targets for a second day

Renewed fighting raises fears of talks breakdown

■ Before the latest bloodshed, the chances of progress in the negotiating process were already slim. Now the task of Warren Christopher is even harder

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE renewed fighting on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanon border has posed grave problems for efforts by the United States to break the deadlock in the 21-month-old peace process.

The talks are due to resume at the weekend when Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, arrives in Cairo to start a five-day Midde East tour designed to breathe new life into the negotiations. Even before the latest flare-up, the negotiations were limping uncertainly towards an eleventh round in October.

There was concern among Washington's allies that another American diplomatic failure to follow that over Bosnia could weaken US influence in the region when the West should be taking advantage of the vacuum left by the collapse of Soviet power.

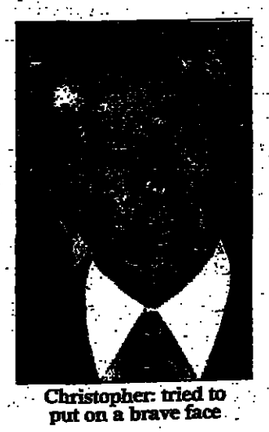
Speaking in Singapore yesterday, Mr Christopher tried to put a brave face on the renewed battles raging between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas dedicated to wrecking the peace talks between Israel and four Arab parties which began in Madrid in 1991. "We must not let opponents of the peace process undermine it," he said. "The only antidote, the only real answer to this kind of violence, is to make progress in the peace process and bring the region the kind of tranquility it has been missing."

Western observers said the severity and timing of the fighting had made Washington's task harder because it had deepened Arab suspicions of Israeli intentions and increased tension between Israel and Syria.

"The peace process is effectively under a critical test and whoever endangers it is in fact endangering the stability and security of the region," the Syrian newspaper *al-Baath* said. "All the efforts deployed to salvage these talks have also been put at a very critical crossroads."

France issued a strong statement urging "Israel to stop as soon as possible this initiative which is an attack against the sovereignty of Lebanon and threatens to endanger the Middle East peace process". The Irish Republic said it was raising the matter with the United Nations as well as protesting to Israel after two Irish soldiers attached to UN peacekeeping forces in the area were injured.

In addition to attempts by the guerrillas to sabotage the peace talks, the negotiations have ground to a virtual halt because of differences between Israelis and the Palestinians over the future of Jerusalem. The tenth round ended on a sour note in Washington at the beginning of this month. Dennis Ross, the US co-ordinator for the talks, then made an unsuccessful tour of the region but failed to bridge the gap between Israel and the Palestinians.



Christopher: tried to put on a brave face

UN questions Iraq over missile sites

FROM REUTER IN BAGHDAD

UNITED Nations experts said yesterday they had to clear technical points with Iraq before installing cameras at missile test sites. "We still have questions to work out with the Iraqi government on technical aspects," Bill Eckert, the team leader, said before a preliminary visit to the Yam al-Azim and al-Rafah sites near Baghdad.

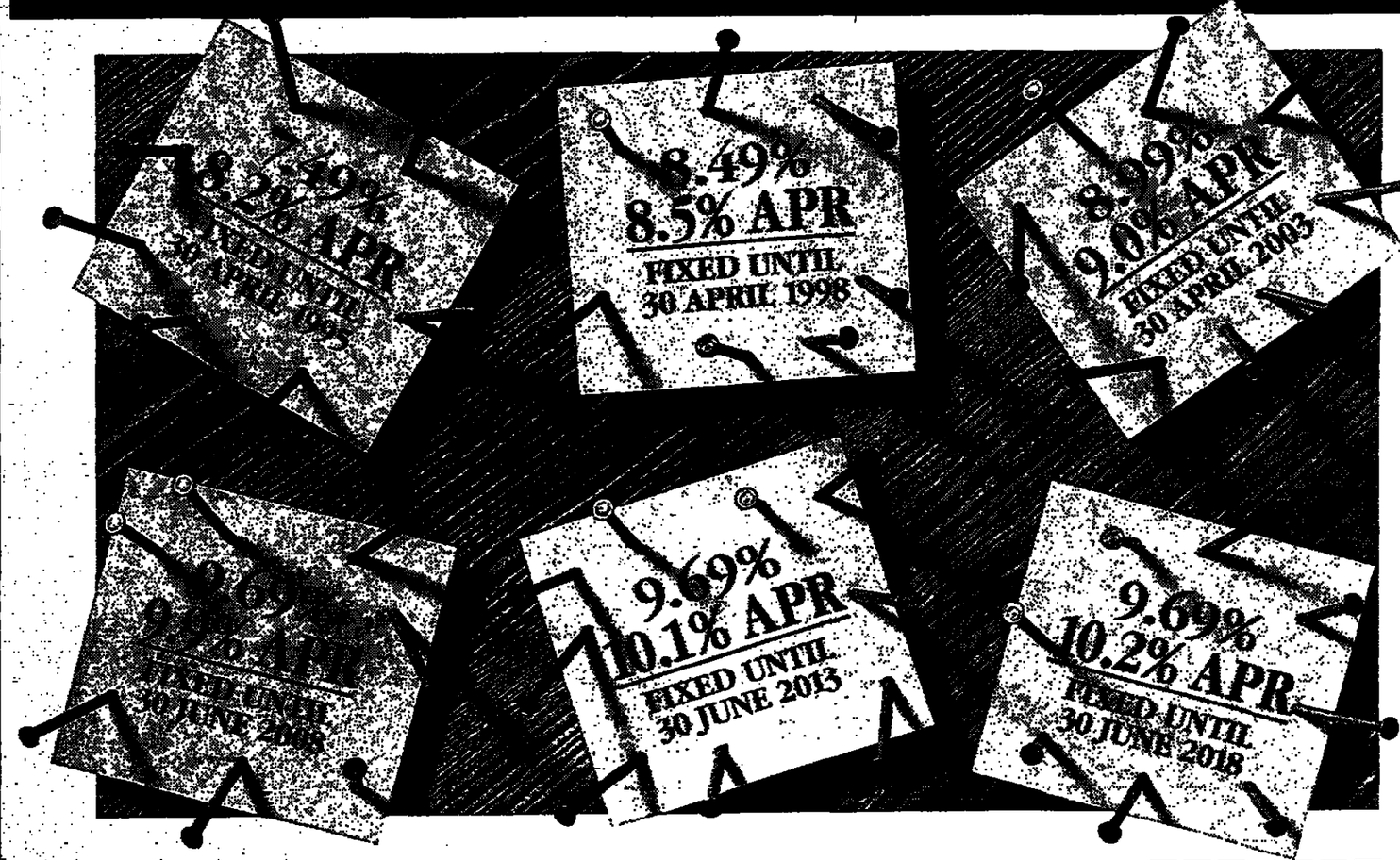
He declined to explain the queries, but said he wanted to give the Iraqis time as "we are here to succeed", and did not think his mission would be hampered by the US air strike in southern Iraq last Sunday.

Iraq has rejected the American account of what happened, saying it did not activate anti-aircraft radar, as Washington claimed, and did not fire a missile in response to the US strike. American planes patrol southern Iraq to protect Iranian-backed Shia Muslim dissidents from Baghdad's air power. Iraq's official statement on the incident was mild, a sign that Baghdad is trying at the moment to avoid tension.

Gulf war ceasefire terms allow Iraq to possess and produce missiles with ranges of less than 90 miles. Mr Eckert plans to put three cameras at each site to make sure no banned missiles are tested. He would not take the cameras with him to the sites until today. His aim yesterday was to see "trenches and poles and things like that. We will begin hanging hardware tomorrow."

The dispute over cameras flared on June 1 when Iraq barred a UN team from putting them in place. It later prevented the UN from sealing the sites as a temporary measure. Tension rose and the Iraqis moved equipment from strategic installations in preparation for US air strikes.

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Records reveal that the killing of a British girl was premeditated, says **Brian Masters**



The victim, the killer and the bereaved: Fiona Jones, who was cold-bloodedly murdered, Frederic Blancke, who could be free within five years, and the mother fighting for justice

Where is French justice, asks mother of murdered Fiona

Mr and Mrs Bruce Cottrill are fighting for justice after their daughter Fiona was cold-bloodedly strangled and stabbed to death in France. The killer, Frederic Blancke, was jailed by a court in Beauvais for 15 years in May — but since he has already served four years on remand, he could be set free in another five under the French justice system. Even the prosecutors were visibly shocked by what they considered such a perverse sentence.

The Cottrills, from Colwyn Bay, North Wales, have taken up the fight with the French ambassador in London. They are convinced he shares their anxiety to such an extent that he raised the matter with President Mitterrand yesterday.

Blancke's sentence was based on the claim to a jury that his act had not been premeditated — even though he attacked Fiona twice. I have now read the records of his statements to the police and the report of the *juge d'instruction* and I am convinced that they demonstrate beyond doubt that the second attack, which finally killed Fiona, was deliberate and considered, and that the wrong verdict was delivered.

To understand why, we must first see exactly what happened that day in 1989. Blancke, 22, who operated a radiology machine at a local clinic, was in a highly nervous condition on the morning of August 14. For a year he had been pursuing a passionate affair with Patricia Ringal, despite her already being attached to the man she lived with, Christophe. Several times she had packed her bags and left her love to move in with Blancke, and just as many times moved back again. Blancke's jealousy was rendered especially acute because he was almost impotent.

After being spurned by Patricia, Blancke drove off in a fury into the countryside of northern France, towards the village of Rimberlieu, where his parents lived. He overtook a girl cyclist — Fiona — then pulled up and parked. He needed to clear his mind, he said in a statement, and he walked up and down at the edge of the fields for ten minutes, chain-smoking. Then the cyclist came into view.

Fiona, a teacher, was with her husband Mark on a working holiday to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. It was such a lovely day that Fiona hired a bicycle from their country hotel and went out to explore. It seemed that there was nothing to fear.

Blancke, still raging, crossed the road and intercepted Fiona. It was 1.15pm. He shook the handlebars and pushed Fiona to the ground. She struggled fiercely, and in the fight lost some jewellery and the hotel key-card. He lost a shoe. Fiona bit his forefinger and screamed. There was nobody to hear her, but the noise made him panic, and "to keep her quiet" he placed his hands round her neck and squeezed. When he had finished she lay inert, on her back, apparently lifeless. He jumped into his white Volkswagen Golf and drove back home to Compiegne. "It was only then that I fully realised what I had done," he said. Realising that one of his shoes was missing, he decided to return to the scene to recover what would be incriminating evidence.

Once again he drove like mad towards Rimberlieu. When he got there, he was astonished to discover that Fiona had moved. She was still in the field, but half-sitting, weeping, and obviously in a state of shock. He parked the car out of sight of the road and sat thinking. Then he took a kitchen-knife which was in the car among some cutlery and crockery and approached Fiona who, seeing her assailant a second time but devoid of strength, raised her arms in a pathetic attempt to defend herself. He stabbed her in the neck, carried her body and her bicycle to the boot of his car, and went to work, leaving the Volkswagen and its sad burden in the car-park. After dark that night he buried the body in the forest and dumped the bicycle.

Blancke never did find his shoe, but the police did, and with painstaking work they traced it to him by interviewing everyone in France who had bought a pair of that size and colour.

There was never any doubt that he killed Fiona. The crux of the matter was his state of mind at the time of the second and fatal attack. In court he claimed confusion. "I just took the knife, I don't know why any more," he said. Pressed to say what was his motive, he replied, "probably to hide my first [the attempted strangulation], to obliterate my guilt". The impression was given of a man so beset by emotional turmoil that he still did not know what he was doing. His confession to the police, spread over 20 hours, tells a quite different story.

At his interrogation on November 23, 1989, Blancke said that after he had seen the cyclist the first time, he lay in wait for her "with the intention of raping her". This he later retracted, yet there were other indications of intent which he was never able to dispel. "I was afraid that if the young lady were still alive she might identify me as her assailant," he said, "so I went back with the aim of killing her." He also admitted that he made sure he was seen several times in Compiegne during the course of the day "so as not to arouse suspicion".

On December 8, Blancke again confessed that he "panicked at the idea she might recognise me" and returned to the scene "to make sure what I had done. I stayed a while in the car to think, to work out what I should do, either go away or see it through. I decided that I had to go right to the end. I had no choice. That's when I thought of the knife."

On August 31, 1990, Blancke elaborated on this moment. "So I took the knife," he said. "I got out of the car and put the knife in the right-hand pocket of my trousers, holding the handle and blade facing inwards." A year later he was still admitting that it was in the car that "I made the decision to kill her" and that "therefore I took out the knife which was in my sports bag". That little word "therefore" in French is pregnant with meaning. *Donc* implies cogitation before decision.

The report of the investigating magistrate is direct. It states that even the first attack had been planned to the extent that Blancke had parked his car out of sight "in order to wait for her"; that back in his apartment he had been "seized with doubt" as to whether she was really dead and was afraid lest, alive, she might identify him; and that he had finally stabbed her "knowing what he was doing".

Bruce and Pat Cottrill are prepared to allow that the first assault on their daughter could have been impulsive, the result of an agonised state of mind brought on by Blancke's difficulties with his girlfriend. But the man who plunged the knife into her neck was cold-blooded and in command of his intentions. He was so *mindful* of his action (I choose the word purposefully) that he had to turn Fiona's face away afterwards. A man whose emotions are pathologically distorted would be indifferent to the sight of death.

Nobody has offered a cogent explanation as to why the court should bring a verdict so blatantly at odds with the evidence before them. Rumours circulating in Beauvais suggested there was a fear Blancke might attempt suicide, or that hostility had been aroused by the behaviour of the British press. It could simply be that Blancke's unhappy love life counted for more than it would in a British court.

The people of Beauvais, however, have gone out of their way to tell the Cottrills they feel shame at the outcome of this tragedy, and the manager of the hotel where they had been lodged for a week, with their sons and daughters-in-law, refused to accept a penny for accommodation or meals.

Huckleberry hounded

How did America's freedom of speech become a freedom to censor and ban?

FOR a country fond of lecturing others about the First Amendment to its constitution, protecting freedom of speech, the latest list of books banned by smalltown America's schoolboards and libraries smacks of hypocrisy.

In the past year, Americans have attempted to ban more than 500 books from their schools and libraries, the most since independent monitoring began ten years ago.

Nor is the censorship aimed at the *illiterate* or *outré*. Instead, the authors of classics or Pulitzer prizewinners are taking a hammering: John Steinbeck, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison and J.D. Salinger among them.

Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* was banned in Boron, California, for profanity. Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* was removed from school reading lists in Suwanee, Florida, for indecency. Angelou has seen her novel *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* banned in the appropriately named town of Banning, California, because it contains scenes of sexual molestation. And Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* has been pulled from school shelves in at least five states for use of the word "nigger".



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Challenges to books have come from the left, the right and the plain po-faced. Where once an outbreak of politically correct "isms" — ageism, sexism, racism — led to protests over books, there is now a sudden escalation in complaints from the organised religious right.

School curriculums are controlled by elected schoolboards, but few turn out to vote, so lack of interest ensures that anyone with a few friends can win a place. The liberal lobbying group, People for the American Way, monitored candidates from the religious right in this year's local elections, and claimed that 40 per cent were successful. The group says the "stealth Christian movement" ensures a high turnout, and distributes leaflets in churches.

According to the group's report, there were 376 reported challenges to books used in schools last year, and 173 in libraries. "We found the most frequent rationale for challenges was that materials were perceived to be at odds with the challenger's views," the group says. "Classic novels were frequently labelled satanic, New Age or anti-Christian. The second-most common challenges were that materials were profane or sexually explicit. And their rate of success was disturbingly high — 41 per cent."

There are three or four groups on the religious right with strong grassroots power throughout the country. The National Association of Christian Educators is a typical example. Its leader, the Rev Robert Simonds, says: "There is a place for censorship for security reasons or because something is inappropriate. We are protecting moral standards."

The censorship has produced some extraordinary results. *James and the Giant Peach*, Roald Dahl's book for children, was banned in a Wisconsin town because parents complained that a passage where a female spider licks her lips "can be taken in two ways, including sexual".

More ridiculous still is an attempt to ban the nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill" in the undeniably shortsighted town of Vista, California, because the fall down the hill "could be inferred as a metaphor for a descent into hell".

Those in charge of some schoolboards are not the most intellectual of citizens — for instance, the Alabama State Textbook Committee called for the banning of *The Diary of Anne Frank* because "it is a real downer", and Nobel prizewinner Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* was condemned in California as "garbage being passed off as literature". The point of high farce was reached when one school bowdlerised Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, a novel about censorship and book burning, by erasing all the "hells" and "damns" with felt-tipped pen.

"Parents have a right to control what their children read, but not anybody else's," says Anne Leavenson Penway of the American Libraries Association.

Apart from Madonna's *Sex*, which created a great deal of fuss in libraries, the association found that the two books causing objections almost everywhere are *Heather has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*, the equivalent of the British *Jenny Lives With Eric and Martin* which caused so much trouble during the 1980s when the libraries of so-called "looney left" councils had it on their shelves.

The Rev Louis Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition says the two American books about the homosexual lifestyle are "to public education what gays in the military will be to Mr Clinton. They bring God-fearing people together on a noble crusade".

The problem, according to the American Library Association, is that the crusade is going almost unopposed, since few parents or citizens can be bothered fighting over one book, even if it is a literary classic.

Little erosions of civil liberties in little libraries in little towns go almost unremarked.

As divorce rates soar, marriage manners are in a mess

A match with no rules

It used to be so straightforward. Boy met girl, boy wooed girl and when boy had won girl, he would go, clammy-handed, to girl's father to seek his permission to marry. Father would ask about prospects and, once satisfied, dig into his pocket to finance the nuptials. Come the big day, he would lead his daughter up the aisle, surrender her to her beau and make what would probably be his only public speech before watching them drive off to live happily ever after.

Now the potential groom is just as likely to be a man in his forties asking his son's consent, while a youthful couple planning their first trip to church could well have double the usual ration of parents looking on. The result is a minefield of etiquette, with the emergence of a new morality of which the child, rather than the parent, is guardian.

Society is adjusting slowly to this side-effect of a soaring divorce rate. Even Buckingham Palace has now eased its rules to allow co-habitees to royal garden parties. But those who wish to live in old-fashioned wedlock must tackle a whole range of obstacles between engagement and honeymoon.

It is all very well for the Fergusons and the Barrantes to behave in a "civilised" fashion at abbey or cathedral; but what of the Smiths, the Joneses, the Browns and the Robinsons at parish church or register office? In the church, who will sit where? What if one parent has remarried and the other not? Suddenly, the happiness of the happy couple seems secondary as former spouses glower across the table decorations.

One mother-of-the-groom was left in isolated splendour at the far end of the top table while her former husband and his new wife took pride of place near the bridal couple. Outside, as the photographer fussed round the bride's frock, the two men got talking. "Do you know the couple?" asked one. "You won't believe this," replied the other. "But I'm the father of the groom." "Oh, I do," came the response. "I'm the father of the bride."

Such problems are reversed for those taking a second or third trip on the marriage-go-round. One widow in her forties refused to allow her lover to move in with her until they had exchanged rings, for fear of setting a bad example to her seven-year-old son. Once the engagement was settled, she approached the boy and told him she planned to marry in the summer. "Oh mummy, is that wise?" the child asked. "It would be a terrible shame if you got married and it all went wrong and you had to get divorced. Why don't you live together first. Madge in *Neighbours* says . . ."

Astonished, the widow went to her elderly mother and told her of her marriage plans. "Oh my dear, is that wise?" the mother asked. "Shouldn't you live together first?"

Even *The Archers* has caught up with this phenomenon, the scriptwriters conspiring to make life as difficult as possible for divorced vicar Robin and his beloved atheist Caroline. All the counselling in the world is not helping them to deal with a truant son who has a crush on his stepmother-to-be. They do not need therapy; they do not need Victorian values; they need a new rule book.

Miss Manners 1993, where are you?

LIZ GERARD

It is a minefield of etiquette, with a new morality

She sat stoically, eating her prawns and chicken, trying to look pleased for her son. But, as the reception wore on, so the smile wore thin. It was intolerable that her former husband was enjoying himself, intolerable that he did not make his excuses and leave after the speeches, and by mid-evening she was spitting through tears: "Why doesn't the bastard go?"

At least both parents made it to that reception. Another man, whose sons had adopted their stepfather's name along with his home, was determined to see his elder boy's wedding in spite of the lack of an invitation. He put on his best suit and sat quietly at the back of the church. He noticed another man in another pew well away from the rest of the congregation and wondered.

Have they forgotten how to play?

Hopscotch, tag and kiss chase are disappearing from playgrounds as the computer game takes over

When the staff of Grange Primary School in Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, were children, playtime was a time for playing. The playground echoed with skipping rhymes, clapping hands, bouncing balls and the screams of the girls who had been caught in kiss chase.

Today, however, the playgrounds have fallen silent. The only sound is the dull bleeping of hand-held computer games. Children seem to have lost the ability to invent their own entertainment, preferring to rely on expensive machines. When they do venture into the playground, teachers observe, it is to re-enact the video nasty of the night before. Chants such as "Ring-a-ring o'roses", which had been sung since the time of the Black Death, are being replaced by the jingle from the latest advertisement.

From next term, however, Grange Primary will have a new subject on the school curriculum: learning how to play. Fifteen dinner ladies are being trained to teach the children the games that they would once have learnt automatically from the older children. Teachers hope that with a little bit of prompting the children will be able to come up with their own games. Similar schemes are being developed at other schools in Stoke, as well as in Liverpool and Birmingham.

Kevin Saintry, the head of community recreation for Stoke council, says: "We are not saying children have forgotten how to play. We are saying adults must help them to develop positive opportunities for play."

The move towards reviving play is greeted with delight by Elizabeth Sutz, whose research for the Norwich-based charity Play for Life has indicated that the end of childhood is nigh. Mrs Sutz spent three years observing 500 children, aged between seven and 14, in Norfolk schools. She found that after the age of eight, children stopped playing in the traditional sense of the word, in favour of video games and electronic entertainment — including watching soap operas on television.



All join in: childhood games, passed down for generations, are being abandoned

Mrs Sutz is concerned that children are being deprived of the socialising effect of games and the chance to develop their imaginations. "Their physical and emotional development is being smothered," she says. "Those carefree and happy days, which every child deserves have almost been lost. A teenage culture is being foisted upon children who go straight from being babies to being child adults. They will never develop wisdom or intuition."

The problem is that children who would have once played alone in the street can now go nowhere unsupervised. "Parents have to ferry children from one organised activity to another," she says. "They are constantly being told what to do. They need to develop initiative and resources."

Not everybody, however, shares this sense of doom. Iona Opie, who is acknowledged, along with her late husband Peter, as the leading authority in children's games, thinks the new play initiatives are "a terrible idea". "Really, adults should have more faith in children," she says. "Every human being needs to play and children are not going to suddenly stop. Organised play is a very sad concept. People just need to do their own thing, even if it is not of very high quality."

Children still play, she says, but adults do not understand them. "They don't ask the right questions. They think children are mooching around the playground, when in fact they are pretending to be a witch or a fairy and if anyone spots them they will be boiled in a cauldron."

Computer games may be currently in vogue, but their appeal will fade. "Children need to get rid of their pent-up energy and boys will always play at war and football. Girls will play peeping games, such as grandmother's footsteps and clap and skip."

According to Mrs Opie, adults idealise childhood as a time of innocence, when in fact children are interested in learning as much as possible about the adult world.

The proof of this lies in her latest book *The People in the Playground*, the result of ten years of weekly visits to a Hampshire school. Its candid portrait of children's rituals may make many parents yearn for the sedate delights of a Sega Mega Drive. Children's versions of songs such as "In an English Country Garden" would make a rugby player blush.

"Children's chief interests are food and sex, as they are throughout the animal kingdom," she says. "Boys realise they can gain tremendous social success by telling a dirty story just like their fathers and brothers."

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Doctors are walking a tightrope in deciding when the benefits of giving tamoxifen to healthy women outweigh the drawbacks

Drugs to keep cancer at bay

The excitement caused by the announcement that there might be a genetic predisposition to homosexuality eclipsed the discussion that had just started on the use of tamoxifen as a prophylactic drug for women with a family history of breast cancer, but who are otherwise healthy. There is a strong hereditary pattern to cancer of the breast.

Women with breast cancer have been given increased hope as a result of earlier diagnosis with mammography, improved surgery and anaesthesia, more precise radiotherapy and better chemotherapy. Despite these advances, however, 40 women in Britain die every day from the disease and one in 12 women will finally die from it.

One of the most encouraging innovations in the treatment of breast cancer during the past few years has been the availability of tamoxifen. Tamoxifen is an unusual drug. To breast cancer cells it acts as an anti-oestrogen, and is classified as such in textbooks, but in many of its other actions on the female body its behaviour is more like that of oestrogen.

Dr Trevor Powles, a consultant oncologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital, in central London, says that when tamoxifen is given to women whose breast cancer has recently been diagnosed and treated surgically, the recurrence rate of the tumour in the first ten years is reduced by 30 per cent, and the death rate by 20 per cent. In Dr Powles's opinion, a longer follow-up period will show an even greater saving in life.

Nobody denies that tamoxifen has side effects, of which hot sweats are the most frequent. But in a recent study at the Royal Marsden, only 43 of 2,000 otherwise fit women had to stop taking the drug because of them. As well as the hot sweats, patients may notice dry itchy skin, or a minor vaginal discharge.

There are other oestrogen-like side effects of tamoxifen which are advantageous. Tamoxifen changes the lipid (blood fat) profile of a woman: the cholesterol level is reduced by 15 per cent. Statisticians worked out that such a reduction should cut the incidence of cardiovascular disease in the women by up to 60 per cent.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Tamoxifen even has its uses in men. Work at the Institute of Urology has suggested that men who develop Peyronie's disease, a painful twist to the penis — known in locker rooms as the Corkscrew Charlie effect — can in some cases benefit from tamoxifen therapy.

As with any powerful drug, there are, in a few women, side effects that are rather more important than sweating and itchy skin. By last year, five cases of hepatitis, which were thought to be due to the drug, had been reported to the Committee on Safety of Medicines. In rodents, cases of cancer of the liver have been noted when tamoxifen has been given in very large quantities. Recently, two such cases have been diagnosed in Swedish women. This may have been chance, but the coincidence was disturbing. *The Lancet*, in 1989 and 1990, and the journal *Cancer*, in 1990, reported evidence that some women on tamoxifen developed changes in the lining of the uterus which could increase the chance of malignancy. Work is going on to find a way to protect the uteruses of women taking tamoxifen.

In medicine, there is always a risk-benefit ratio. When a woman has cancer of the breast, there is no doubt that in the majority of cases the benefit of tamoxifen far outweighs any risk.

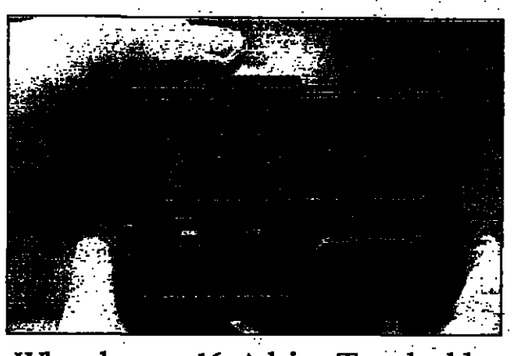
Assessing the risk-benefit ratio is more difficult when the drug is given to protect healthy women. The inheritance of cancer of the breast is not, Dr Powles explains, simple. It is unlikely to be due to a single gene, such as might give rise to blue eyes, red hair or short thumbs. Rather, the predisposition will be a result of a complex genetic inheritance; and in some cases a tendency to develop the disease will be secondary to the inheritance of other risk factors.

There were few doubts about the benefits to the 2,000 women who recently took part in a pilot study of tamoxifen as a prophylactic drug at the Royal Marsden. The women had a very strong chance of inheriting the disease, up to four times the normal risk. They would have been likely to have had two close relatives with the disease, or relatives who had developed the disease when very young. In these cases, the risk of even serious side effects were of less consequence than the potential the drug might have of saving their lives.

The health department, more controversially, has now sanctioned a trial involving 15,000 women. These women will probably have only one close relative with the disease. They are estimated to be at about double the risk of developing breast cancer, figures supported by a recent American study.

The trial has the support of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the Cancer Research Fund. The Medical Research Council is not taking a direct part as it feels that in the present state of medical knowledge the ratio of the benefit to the risk may not be great enough. It is, however, still providing support to the Royal Marsden on the more general issues of tamoxifen toxicity.

The tragedy of forgetting



When he was 16, Adrian Treadgold's memories stopped. How can he live a fulfilling life, asks **Ian Robertson**



JOHN REDMAN

Paging the real world: car-crash victim Adrian Treadgold and his father Larry with the memory pager (also above left)

Imagine you are 21, strong and healthy, with a long life ahead of you. You are charming, sociable and active in sport. The only problem is, you can't remember what you did half a year ago, or even half an hour ago, because your brain stopped registering new memories on the night of a car accident six years before.

Adrian Treadgold's memories stop at the age of 16. The part of his brain that lays down new memory traces ceased to work properly on November 21, 1987, when a car driven by one of his friends ran off the road in San Jose, near San Francisco.

More than 100,000 people — the majority young, healthy men — suffer head injuries each year in Britain. In America the figure is more than half a million. Most people whose injury is severe will have problems with memory, ranging from remembering a new telephone number to recalling who they met recently and what they talked about.

This is because the temporal lobes of the brain, which are critically important for memory, are particularly easily damaged when the brain is shaken by an accident.

In the majority of cases, the capacity to remember new information, once lost, is gone forever. Rehabilitation must aim mainly at "prosthesis" — that is, doing for the amnesic person what an artificial leg does for the amputee. All of us use memory aids such as diaries, reminder boards and notebooks. For Mr Treadgold and people like him, however, such aids become their personal memory bank, without which they can have no independence from their watchful friends and families.

But how many of us have ever kept a detailed diary much beyond January 12 of any particular year? Is there anyone who has not forgotten to make an important phone call despite having written a reminder on the "to do" board? Owning a personal organiser is one thing, but using it properly depends on discipline and on memory itself. And if these are problems for those people with uninjured brains, then they are magnified a hundred times for those with defective memories.

Mr Treadgold's father, Larry, became all too aware of these issues in the painful years following his son's accident. Adrian would fail to turn up for appointments with his neuropsychologist, therapists and anyone else he had to meet.

He missed work in his car-washing job because he would forget to go, and would often forget to pick up his pay cheque on a Friday evening. On occasions he would disappear completely and the police would be alerted — all because he could not lay down new memory traces.

Larry Treadgold's soft Cornish accent is intriguingly interwoven with a Californian drawl. He is an engineer, and it was as an engineer that he had begun to come to terms with his only son's disability. He and Neil Hersh, Adrian's neuropsychologist, dreamtup and then put into practice NeuroPage, a high-technology aid for the young man's problems that proved sufficiently successful for them to now be developing this system for wider use.

The idea behind the system is simple. A central computer is programmed to send out messages at particular times each day to Adrian's alphanumeric — one that can display text as well as numbers — pager. In the morning, for example, he will be able to read a message such as: "Take your 8am medications, call 123-4567 to confirm."

He then has to call in. If he does not, the computer sends out the same message again, and will continue to do so until he phones in to say that he has taken his essential medication. If he does not call to confirm, then the computer is programmed to contact an emergency telephone number.

Mr Treadgold now attends the local community college in Santa Cruz, where he takes lessons in English and maths, several of the classes being specially tailored for head-injured people. The computer is programmed to page him and remind him that he has to go to his classes, and then how to get there, for no matter how many times he goes to the same class, he will not learn the route because of his amnesia. So, at the end of one class he will receive the message: "Walk past 700 building to 800 building, and go to room 810 for English lesson."

The computer also has an emergency system to cope with his tendency to disappear at times. If he does not call in within a specified time interval, the computer sends out a message to the pager: "Are you lost? Go to the nearest telephone and call home."

Larry Treadgold and Dr Hersh have used their system with other brain-injured individuals. One of their clients was holding down a job as an accountant. Intelligence is unaffected in pure amnesia, and skill and knowledge learned before the brain injury are also spared; hence it was possible for him to carry on, albeit only with heavy dependence on memory aids.

In spite of these aids, however, his employment was at risk because he sometimes forgot to go to work. Not that there was any problem getting up. By 7am every day he was shaved, showered and dressed. But, with an hour to spare before he had to leave, he would start watching television or playing computer games — and, some days, the next thing he would know was that it was 4pm and he had lost an entire day.

His pager was programmed to bleep and show the message: "Turn off TV; call to confirm" every morning. There were further messages to get him to call in to confirm when he reached work. With these reminders, he no longer forgot to go to work.

In coming up with a system that has made his son more independent, the older Mr Treadgold has shed one small part of his parental responsibility for Adrian. But the price he has paid, one suspects, is a grief renewed for the only half-buried dreams and aspirations he once harboured for his son.

But rehabilitation, like life, should be about relinquishing the past and living fully the opportunities afforded by the present. In many ways, this can be a harder step for a father to take than for his disabled son.

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Why ME is not all in the mind

Doctors get an unfair press when treating chronic fatigue syndrome

SUNDAY'S edition of *Frontline* (Channel 4) was billed as an indictment of modern medicine. It concerned the illness known to sufferers as myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), to doctors as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), and to journalists as "yuppie flu".

It showed an unsympathetic medical establishment, deaf to the pleas of sufferers from this terrible affliction. To emphasise the point, viewers were told of the awful story of a young boy with ME, unable to speak or move, taken from his family by social workers on medical advice, and subjected to such indignities as being thrown in a swimming pool to see if he would swim. An image of a boy drowning was used repeatedly with harrowing effect. The stories were convincing, the testimony moving, and the programme fronted by a sympathetic doctor, herself a victim of the same disease. But was it the whole story?

There is another version which throws a different and more complex light on these matters. The programme failed to mention that the events surrounding the boy had been subject to an enquiry, summoned by the Manx government, to investigate the same allegations so graphically described by Channel 4.

The enquiry published a 164-page report a year ago. Conditioned as we are by the litany of medical and social services failures in the past, the conclusions were surprising. The enquiry said that all the professionals involved (including, on one occasion, myself) had acted correctly, indeed, with care and compassion. Doctors and social services were praised, rather than criticised.

This should have been the last word. Everyone had acted appropriately and in the best interests of the child. Even better, the story had a happy ending, since the boy recovered. But, as the programme showed, it was not the end, and the passions and anger linger still.

What is at issue is not really the nature of ME at all. The true cause, or causes, of the illness are not yet established. *It is far from proven that it is* due to a virus, and extremely unlikely to be due to an allergy or vitamin or mineral-deficiency. But ME is not alone in this. The list of medical conditions whose etiology is obscure is a long one. But these illnesses do not attract the media coverage afforded ME.

To find the real issues behind the controversy, one needs look no further than the newspaper coverage which the programme attracted. It shows that in the world of ME, psychiatric care is only given to malingerers, and that psychiatric and physical disorders are mutually exclusive. Both views are wrong, and indeed offensive to those unlucky enough to suffer psychiatric illness.

Of course patients with ME are not malingerers. Recent papers on the subject go to great lengths to emphasise the severity and genuineness of disability in ME. According to a survey, far from dismissing sufferers, general practitioners devote an extraordinary amount of time to their care.

It is true that many doctors feel that psychological factors are of considerable importance, confirmed by a surprisingly unanimous research literature. Studies have found that many sufferers show evidence of psychological disorder, particularly depression. But it is absurd to suggest that this means sufferers are malingerers. It also does not conflict with any suggestion of a physical basis for chronic fatigue syndrome.

> Psychiatric disorder and physical illness are not contradictory

Here is the second misunderstanding. Psychiatric disorder and physical illness are not contradictory: they are closely associated. The rates of psychiatric disorder in those with physical illness are three times higher than in those without.

An unpublished survey of psychiatrists at my hospital revealed that 50 per cent of them thought ME has an organic basis. This is the real tragedy of ME. It is not untreatable. Doctors are making substantial advances in management — in Britain, five clinical trials are in progress, led by psychiatrists (which would hardly be the case if doctors felt the illness was malingering). It is ironic that critics of medicine frequently call for doctors to be better listeners and better able to empathise with their patients.

These are precisely the skills necessary for a successful psychiatrist or GP. Neither psychiatrists nor GPs need abnormal tests before they *believe that symptoms are* real, and people ill. But this is not enough. As long as psychiatry remains equated with imagined illnesses, programmes such as this will continue to be made.

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Doctor, will this operation work?

Don't be shy. Ask for all the facts about your hospital treatment

There are only two things patients want to know when they go into hospital. Will they come out alive and will they be better than when they went in?

None of the literature with which hospitals and family doctors are deluging patients answers these two crucial questions. You may learn what is on the hospital menu and which bits of your body they are planning to remove but not the operation's success rate, the risk of a recurrence or the degree of experience of the surgeon.

Little by little, however, the information is filtering out. Much of it is disturbing.

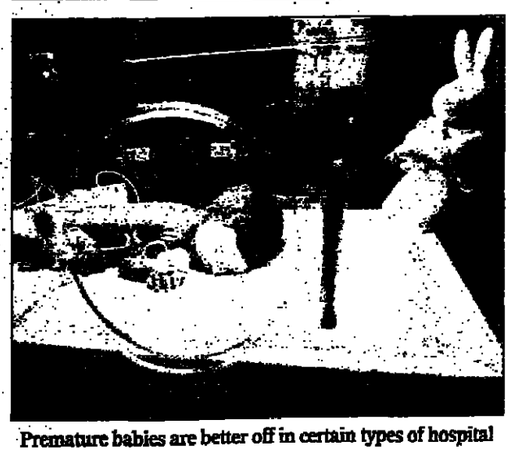
Last week, the Royal College of Surgeons revealed that deaths following one of the commonest surgical operations are up to 14 times higher in some parts of the country because surgeons are using outdated techniques.

The operation, for hernia repair, is performed on 80,000 patients a year and there were 254 deaths in 1989-90, almost all following emergency surgery. In some hospitals, the repair fails in up to one in five patients within five years and has to be re-done. In the best hospitals, the failure rate is less than one in 100. Complications following the operation, length of time in hospital and speed of recovery also vary widely.

Similar variations were reported in a study in *The Lancet* last week which showed that babies in intensive care in local district hospitals are twice as likely to die as those cared for in teaching hospitals. The Medical Research Council announced that it is to invite all hospitals providing intensive care to take part in a national programme to monitor their performance.

As the *Times* revealed yesterday, patients with kidney failure are dying in the north because they cannot get onto a kidney dialysis machine, while in London the machines are standing idle because they have not got enough patients to treat. GPs in outlying areas such as Essex are failing to refer patients to London, apparently unaware that treatment is available because it is so far away.

The finding echoes that by the Clinical Standards Advisory Group earlier this month that heart surgery rates vary ninefold across the country, being highest in areas close to the hospitals performing the surgery and lowest in those furthest away. It is not how old or ill you are that determines whether you live or die, but what your postcode is.



Premature babies are better off in certain types of hospital

The message for patients from these examples is, first, do not take no for an answer from your GP. If he or she says treatment is not available locally, it will be elsewhere. Second, when you get to the hospital or clinic, check which *technique the surgeon prefers* and ask about success rates, recurrence rates and risks and how they compare with other centres.

In general, larger hospitals, which see most patients and have the greatest experience, do better than smaller hospitals. But sometimes experience is a drawback. Surgeons can become fixed in their ways. As the American surgeon Charles Mayo observed, experience can consist in doing the wrong thing over and over again.

In the case of a common operation such as hernia repair, it is not possible to focus resources on a few centres of excellence. The task in this case is to ensure that surgeons follow best practice. What they tend to follow is the practice they were first taught.

This may explain why more than a third of surgeons are still using the outdated "Moloney Darn" technique, in which the ruptured muscles of the abdominal wall are sewn together, despite 50 years of experience which have proved the superiority of the Canadian "Shouldice" technique, in which the muscles are overlapped before being stitched to give extra strength.

Last week the Royal College of Surgeons issued new clinical guidelines for surgeons on hernia repair which are unequivocal about the superiority of the Shouldice technique, though they do not refer to it by name. They are the first in a new series of guidelines which will cover common operations such as prostate surgery, hip replacements and varicose veins and are being introduced because of concern about unexplained variations between surgeons.

The guidelines are not, however, being issued to patients. They have to make do with an information booklet produced by the college which does not describe the different techniques but says merely: "Surgeons are happy to explain their preferred approach to you if you are interested."

The public are interested and want to know. As a start health authorities should consider publishing recurrence rates. How often does the local district hospital have to re-do its hernia repairs and how does it compare with the regional and national average? The results would focus attention on the merits of different surgical techniques in a way that 50 years of experience has failed to do.

Health authorities should also publish the number of patients receiving treatment in their areas for specific conditions such as renal and heart disease. Once Mancunians discover that they have half the number of kidney machines that Londoners have, they will want to know why.

The public needs not more but better information. League tables for specific treatments would put real power into patients' hands.

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IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME?

If you suffer bowel problems such as constipation, diarrhoea, stomach cramps, abdominal swelling, excessive wind and symptoms aggravated by food, you should know about a new book *The Irritable Bowel Syndrome Self Help Guide*.

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Lynne Truss



■ Why do big-screen advertisements have a long and boring life?

On a wet Saturday afternoon in Peckham, something very mysterious happens: the place goes mad for Bacardi. The shops shut, traffic squeals and thumps to a halt, and the entire populace lies on its back in the bus shelters, swigging white rum from big bottles and giggling. "The Dog and Duck in the High Street!" and "Catching the last bus home!" It is a sorry sight, but understandable. Crazed by subjection to possibly the longest-running cinema advertisement in the history of screen entertainment, the people of Peckham have finally flipped. In their collective rum-induced hallucination, they see palm trees, blue sea, white sand and a dusky barefoot woman in a red paisley wrapover skirt striding through foam, showing flashes of comely thigh. "Auntie Beryl," they moan, with a single voice. A blue and red parrot flaps exotically overhead (only a pigeon really). They point and gasp. "Next door's budgie!"

Those who shun the cinema will wonder what is going on. "Peckham?" they query. "On a wet Saturday afternoon? Who's this Auntie Beryl? What's next door's budgie got to do with anything?" Lucky souls, they have never sat in the dark watching this sequence of exotic seaside Caribbean images and listening to the jaunty voice-over, waiting in misery for the ho-ho explanatory punch-line: "If you're drinking Bacardi!" By the same token, therefore, they have never grown so sick and tired of it that they danced in their seat in irritation, hissed and catcalled at the screen, tried to bung up their ears with popcorn, or jumped up, turned around, scaled the chair-back and then scrambled on all fours over other people's heads and shoulders in a wild impulsive effort to reach the exit by the shortest possible route.

In Scottish cinemas the voiceover says "Auntie Morag" and "Paisley", but in other respects it is the same. I learnt this miserable piece of information last week when I telephoned Rank Screen Advertising, ostensibly to ask some grown-up investigative questions about the optimum shelf-life of a screen commercial, but really to say that if they wouldn't promise to ditch Auntie Beryl in the next fortnight I would hold my breath till I turned blue. "Have you ever considered the impact on the people of Peckham?" I asked. Noting the rising hysteria in my voice, they hastily passed me on to the relevant advertising agency, who passed me on to someone else. Nobody could help very much, perhaps because I showed my hand too soon. I should not have hummed the commercial's saxophone melody line so precisely and at such length. It made me sound — gosh, I don't know — obsessed.

Anyway, nobody said that Auntie Beryl was soon to be replaced, or that after two years she had run her natural course, or anything encouraging like that. Rather the contrary. Instead I was told that cinema advertisements have "slow coverage build", so they play a waiting game, running three or four times a day, for years and years if necessary, until all the potential customers have seen it. I wanted to cry. What a dismal prospect for the rest of us, then — waiting for that last dithering punter to return from his round-the-world unicycle trip, or be released from Broadmoor. "He's back!" we will cheer. "He's out! Quick, get him to the Odeon!" Monks will be abducted from their cloisters and rushed to the nearest multiplex. After ten years in a sealed experimental eco-park, long-haired scientists will emerge pale and beautiful, like aliens, only to be driven straight to the Odeon, High St Ken, a vat of Butterkist shoved in their mitts.

Why they can't just send these stragglers a postcard is beyond my comprehension. Surely there comes a point when you say enough is enough. Let's face it: if these assorted weirdos, anchorites and unicyclists have not seen Auntie Beryl yet, they are never going to, and we should call it a day. I wish I had been able to make these points in person, but last week all the relevant screen advertisers were "abroad on business". Oh well. Possibly this is a euphemism for having a haircut and manicure at your big desk, but if not, it does offer a crumb of comfort. How nice to imagine these people toasting in the Caribbean sunshine, drinking rum, and magically transported to a grey English bus shelter, in Peckham on a wet Saturday afternoon.



Take me to your leaders

If the British public feel alienated from their political masters, then there is an obvious, if rather spooky, explanation

Bernard Levin

The key! The key! The key in the back of the neck — surely you can see it? Just look — you don't need to get close to see that They've all got one! Then there is the way They walk — a kind of shuffle with an alternate lurch to the left and right! And the voice — the voice! The voice clinches it — the words come out absolutely even, with no inflection up or down — it's proof positive! They aren't human beings at all, don't you see?

But to whom can we explain that They have taken over? They are in control, and we would be wasting our time trying to convince Them that they should go away, even if we didn't find ourselves being strapped down and undergoing a cerebellumectomy (which, after all, is what first happened to Them).

Or, to put it another way, the familiar phrase. "Whom God would destroy He first sends mad", is here exactly the wrong way round. On the contrary, the whole point with this lot is that They were plainly mad long before God got a look in.

I am, of course, talking about our present governors, from the prime minister upwards. Just tell me if you believe it possible that human beings could have said what has been said in the past few days: surely it is *not* possible, and it must have been the Things.

Let us start with Thing MacGregor. It claimed to be "amazed at press speculation about challenges to the leadership of Mr Major, who has come through last week with flying colours and been firmly in the driving seat all the way through". This, mark you, about a man who had spent the said week staggering from one catastrophe to another, seeing his botched alliances falling to pieces, being mortally (and rightly) humiliated every hour on the hour, soaked in contempt from his own side as well as the other, and finally, in hideous desperation, trotting out the ridiculous pretence that he was putting his premiership in the hazards with a motion of confidence. Confidence! There was not a Thing or a Thingess anywhere in the House of Commons which did not despise him even as it pitied him.

But even Thing MacGregor was surpassed, by Thingess Bottomley. It said — in the middle of the Christchurch by-election and actually in Christchurch — "We have seen a great victory for John Major". (The version I read went: "'We have seen a great victory for John Major,' smiled Bottomley.")

Beat that! But believe it or not, it was beaten, and moreover beaten soundly. By whom, you ask, but you have already guessed. Of course it was Thing Fowler, the very last of the 1950s barrow-boys — spiv accent and all — and he was asked by a radio interviewer, who wanted Thing Fowler to say whether he thought the Tories would hold Christchurch. "Oh, yes", said the Thing, "we'll pull up and win". As I listened, I realised that It was not jesting, or speaking ruefully, or simply getting Its words in a tangle: faced with what It knew perfectly well was going to be the devastating loss of a cast-iron Tory seat, Thing Fowler demonstrated that It did not have even the tiny scrap of intelligence necessary to say "Wait and see", or "The voters will decide", or "You won't catch me with that one", or a couple of dozen more get-outs that lay comfortably to hand.

Beside all that, it was little more than an irritation when Sir Patrick Mayhew, Minister for Northern Ireland (why is it that any law officer who takes a "real" ministry always make a mess of it?), delivered a speech on what to do about Northern Ireland which was so suffocated by clichés and so revealing of his ignorance that I truly believe he must have written it himself.

Now will you believe that we are in the hands of creatures from outer space?

Those items (there were scores to choose from) demonstrate the complete collapse of what remains of the connection between our MPs and us: those Tory figures — all of them holding important posts in the party hierarchy — have completely lost any idea of what we, the voters, feel. I am not talking about the economy, or Maastricht, or VAT on domestic fuel, or any other of the specific charges on which the government is arraigned: it is the truly lunatic belief that when Mr MacGregor says that Mr Major has come through with flying colours and been firmly in the driving seat all the way through, and when Mrs Bottomley says that Mr Major had a great victory, and when Sir Norman Fowler says that the Tories are going to hold Christchurch, *they do not understand, in the smallest degree, what the reaction of the people is.*

There is nobody in this land — nobody — who thinks that Mr Major has had a victory, or is in the driving seat, or believes Christchurch will be held. Some, perhaps many, are sorry about that, and others hope or believe that matters will soon change for the better, but at this moment not even the most fervent admirer of the prime minister could say the things that these politicians are saying, at least not without the danger of a serious attack of hiccups.

How could it be otherwise? Just cast your mind back — it won't have to go far — to the unending catalogue of instant reversals, the marvellous ideas promulgated with fanfares in the morning and buried five fathoms deep by evening.

Do you remember the trumpets with which the new basis of our coal-mining industry was announced? And do you remember how many hours it took to have the entire programme scrapped? What a splendid new system of fines for the less serious offences was solemnly instituted one morning? And what splendid fun it was when the whole thing was torn up one afternoon?

There was no deal with the Ulster Unionists for their votes in the crucial Commons vote last week — no deal at all. Except, of course, the deal that was struck.

Then there was adoption. Anyone who wanted to adopt a child was to pay £1,500; that one, as I recall, was stood on its head within a matter of minutes. Railway privatisation? Er, not just yet. School tests? Better not rile the teachers. Sheehy report on the police? The minister won't be hurried in his decision to scrap most of it.

And the Things with the keys in the back of their necks are still at it, the only difference being that they are now calling each other bastards: well, well, there's many a jest word spoken in truth.

There is at present much modish chatter about citizen's charters and claims of openness; it is, of course, nothing but froth and bubbles. If it were real, real enough to give us back the real freedom we once had, the politicians would not be allowed (indeed They would be unable) to treat us as the fools and laughing-stocks that to Them we are. If I were less cynically knowledgeable about the politicians' attitude to us, I would be angry; indeed, I would be in such a rage that the idea of assassination might begin to beckon. It is only because I long ago ceased to take politics seriously that I can have tremendous fun from the subject.

Of course, the trouble with that approach is that it leaves most of the people without redress, without even the redress of laughter. When those MPs spat in our faces, telling us that Mr Major had come through with flying colours and been firmly in the driving seat all the way through, and that there had been a great victory for him, and that the Tories would pull up and win the Christchurch seat — why, then I go home and put some Mozart on the CD, and take a glass or two of wine, and murmur

> . . . Get thee glass eyes;
> And, like a scurvy politician, seem
> To see the things thou dost not.

But the trouble with *that* approach is that we have to have politicians, scurvy or not, because our democratic system demands it, lest anarchy should destroy us all. But if, in the long run, our politicians continue to behave like that, we shall have to have some kind of revolution, not necessarily a violent one.

Meanwhile, however, we — or at least the voters of Christchurch — need not look so far for the revenge that they are surely entitled to take. I have nothing against that poor Mr Hayward the Tory candidate, who understandably has become more and more dejected as the campaign draws to its end, but if his party hopes ever to crawl out of the stinking mire in which it now wallows, only a colossal defeat on Thursday will begin to bring it to something like reality.

Major has shown his mettle

Woodrow Wyatt says the prime minister has won a notable victory

John Major is reported as calling three cabinet colleagues "bastards" in an unguarded moment of exasperation (when will all in the public eye, including PMs, understand that our gossip-mad media is more interested in private irritations, which are always leaked, than in measured statements?). But no matter, the far more serious charges laid against him are that he is indecisive, lacks leadership and vision, and has no charisma. I find him a fascinating puzzle: like a batsman in his favourite sport who leaves the ball so late that you are certain it will hit the stumps, but who instead hits it to the boundary with a daring, perfectly timed stroke.

Last Thursday evening the prime minister seemed done for, after making a singularly good speech in the everlasting Maastricht debate. Then, to the surprise of the media, so often so beautifully wrong, came not surrender but the counter-attack of a bold leader. He defied the discontents behind him not to vote for him next day on a confidence motion with which support for Maastricht was inextricably linked. Considering the fevered state of their principles, apparently compelling them to walk the gangplank, i.e. face an election, rather than vote for Maastricht, it was an extraordinarily brave risk.

Now it is widely held that Mr Major has split the Tories irretrievably. On the contrary, he has united them, if they have any vestige of sense. Nothing can stop the ratification of Maastricht, certainly not the strange Rees-Moggery which sometimes appears to be challenging Parliament and at others only challenging the foreign secretary. All the troublesome Tory MPs cannot fail to see that Mr Major is their natural leader henceforward. A skilled negotiator, he has already rolled back some of the powers Brussels assumed under the Single European Act signed by Margaret Thatcher. He has also secured an opt-out from the social chapter and the social policy of the Maastricht treaty, which expressly rules out the authority of the European Court of Justice to enforce them on us.

What a pity the that disbelievers do not read with more care the protocols in the Command document of May 1992 published by HMSO (£13.30). They leave us free, not just from the restrictive practices of the EC social policies, but from obligations to join the single currency and the European central bank, and preserve the right to retain our "powers in the field of monetary policy according to national law".

The exchange-rate mechanism is already up the spout, and cannot be reconstructed in its present form. If it is reshaped, we still have the right to decide whether to rejoin it. Mr Major has caught the prevailing mood of Europe. Maastricht, with its new powers to investigate and punish fraud across the borders and within the headquarters of the EC, and to fine those who do not observe directives, is a distinct improvement. A federal superstate was never more than a religious genuflection, seen on the Continent as a vague dream never to be fulfilled. Nothing can push our Parliament into it. This remains supreme and can take us out of the EC, in the unlikely event of a real danger arising. With Germany in an economic mess and France in economic disarray, we are stronger than any of our partners.

We should set our minds to running Europe, not running away from it, while continuing to preserve our links with America which remain invaluable to us and all Europe. Otherwise we cannot persuade our EC partners, as we must, that free trade is the route to universal prosperity and that for the EC to be inward-looking, trying to live expensively off its own fat, would end in poverty not riches.

That we are in such a good position is due largely to the policies of the former Chancellor and the prime minister who is generally decried for lack of leadership. Of course he will lose the Christchurch by-election where the comfortably-off voters, with a standard of living rising considerably ahead of inflation, suffer from the British complaint that they ought to be better off still. They disregard the fact that they are infinitely better off than their forebears before the war, and their upward march in comforts never ceases. It will be a different story at the next general election, when the alternative to Mr Major (if not assassinated by panicky, treacherous Tories, as is their custom) will be a Labour party still governed by the unions, who are the decisive factor in choosing the leader and deputy leader, and who in return for the cash that keeps Labour viable demand a direct input into Labour's policies, economic and otherwise.

Yet Mr Major does seem to the public like an anonymous bank clerk. The bank clerks of Britain slogged away defiantly in the first world war trenches to defeat the Kaiser. The bank clerks were the fighter and bomber pilots, the Desert Rats and the "Forgotten Army" in Burma who defeated Hitler and the Japanese. Perhaps this is the true charisma of Mr Major, although I wish he would let us see his genuine sense of humour more frequently. As for his vision, he does not share the fashionable defeatism, and knows that for all its up-and-down past, Britain has some of its finest days ahead. We are a small country, but not a little people.

Rebels regroup

JOHN MAJOR will be delighted at the news that 17 Great College Street, the headquarters of the Euro-rebels, has finally been sold by Lord McAlpine. But his relief will be short-lived. The rebels are not going to disappear — they are simply moving to a new den around the corner.

Under the leadership of the Tory MP Bill Cash, they have found a location in Westminster, where they plan to regroup and rename themselves. The European Institute has been suggested as a name for the body which will co-ordinate opposition among Tory MPs to any government moves towards further European integration.

The new HQ will be funded by trenchant supporters of their cause, such as Sir James Goldsmith, who refuse to let the protest movement die. The Campaign for an Independent Britain and Marc, another pro-referendum group, will be wound up, but their resources will be channelled into the new institute.

William Sitwell, a grandnephew of Edith Sitwell, will help to run the institute. He says plans are at an early stage. "But we are far from out for the count. Maastricht is only the start. We intend to set up on a permanent footing."

Not that the organisation will be leaving all its past behind. The rebels will be taking "Lady Thatcher's chair", with lion patterned upholstery, for sentimental reasons. It is the chair in which Lady Thatcher sat in tears when she was interviewed by ITN's Michael Brunson on the anniversary of her fall from power.

Book early

PREPARATIONS for the centenary of the National Trust in 1995 are well under way in the Oxfordshire home of Dame Jennifer Jenkins, its former chairman. She has not been asked to write the official history of the trust for the celebrations, but she is writing one anyway.

The illustrated official history is being written by Merlin Waterson, a regional director of the trust. Plenty of photographs and a sprinkling of text will doubtless ensure a coffee-table bestseller at Christmas next year.

But Jenkins says her version will put the trust's history in a social and political context. "We won't overlap. It will be quite different from the official version, which will have a lot more photographs." Just in case these two volumes don't satisfy members, Paula Weideger, an American journalist, is writing a history as well. "It's critical," she warns. "But I didn't set out to kick them in the shins."

Mapless Maddock

DON'T GET too carried away by predictions of a landslide win for the Liberal Democrats in the former Tory stronghold of Christchurch. With all three of the main candidates anxious to prove their local credentials, the Lib Dems' Diana Maddock would be well advised to invest some of her election expenses in a map.

Latching on to the widespread concern in the constituency over VAT on fuel, she sent a "Focus" newsletter to every home in the area. Or at least to quite a few of them. Some 20,000 voters in four wards are aggrieved because they were missed off her list. With predictions of a 15,000-vote majority, Maddock had better do her homework before Thursday.

Fawning on

THE success of that fawning family magazine *Hello!* continues unabated. The gushing glossy is taking itself to meet the Hollywood stars it eulogises so mercilessly in its pages. *Hello!* is planning to launch this autumn in America. Fresh from an interview with Elizabeth Taylor, the Marquesa de Varela, its celebrated Uruguayan-born fixer, stopped off briefly at London's Four Seasons Inn on the Park yesterday.

The marquesa, who is said to travel the world with a Vuitton suitcase full of money in search of suitable candidates for interview, was briefly in Britain before returning to the States to help prepare for the launch. She said the magazine will continue its winning formula, which has led to a weekly circulation of half a million in Britain, despite her inclinations: "It is frustrating having to be so nice all the time. I could see that the Duke and Duchess of York were fighting before they split up, but I couldn't write about it." Just as well she didn't. The duchess might never have posed again for the magazine.

● *A newsletter from the Magistrates' Association reports on the association's recent meeting of its south-west London branch, where Mr Justice Brooke, ethnic minorities chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, made a spirited appeal for better understanding of the needs of different ethnic groups. At supper afterwards, the largely Jewish and Muslim audience were somewhat take aback to find the only meat available was cold ham.*

Untrusted?

NOT a happy ship, the Booker Prize. In a slap in the face for the Book Trust, which administers the prize, Booker has taken on a PR company to publicise its award. The Book Trust, which has done the job since the prize was launched 25 years ago, is livid.

Jilted Book Trust staff are grumbling that the PR firm Colman Getty will turn the prize into a PR extravaganza.

Martyn Goff, the trust's chairman, says: "The prize has a certain dignity and is the equal to the Prix Goncourt in France. It is world-famous. All that could not have been achieved if Book Trust had not done a good job. My concern is that a PR agency will not understand that the Booker is something very special. It has achieved its status for other reasons than just PR."

Next post

IN A classic example of Home Office timing, the publisher Random House has finally received a letter from home secretary Michael Howard in reply to its request earlier this year to allow the former KGB colonel Oleg Tsarev to visit Britain. Random House wanted Tsarev to come over more than a month ago to publicise his book *Deadly Illusions*, a history of Soviet spying.

Howard's letter, saying Tsarev could stay for seven days, finally arrived this week. "There is no point now," says publicity director Liz Sich. "They knew why we wanted him to come, which was why they they didn't let him in at the time."

DIARY

Roughly translated it means Hi!



CLOSER TO FRANCE

London and Paris are embarked on a new courtship

Not far from Calais, a long neglected patch of green surrounded by shabby buildings is being transformed into a tourist attraction. Visitors to the Field of the Cloth of Gold should beware of reading too much symbolism into this marking of Anglo-French history. For all the splendid pageantry which gave this meeting between Henry VIII and François Premier its well-remembered name, the occasion was almost barren of political results, since Henry had already decided to ally himself with the Holy Roman Emperor. As John Major had cause to reflect in January 1991, when President Mitterrand humiliated him by giving him luncheon at the Elysée without telling him that he had decided to make an overture to Iraq that very afternoon, formal Anglo-French occasions have had a chequered history.

The victory of France's conservative coalition last March has been followed by a sustained British charm offensive. The terrain is favourable. Nothing momentous emerged from yesterday's summit at Downing Street. But President Mitterrand and the French prime minister, Edouard Balladur, brought with them a host of senior ministers — a positive response to the British desire to tackle longstanding differences by putting departmental ministers in regular and businesslike contact.

There is difficult ground to cover: on enlargement of the European Community, on defence policy and above all on free trade and agricultural reforms, where France's *dirigiste* economic traditions are in direct conflict with an Anglo-Saxon free-market empiricism which remains, both in Paris and the provinces, profoundly suspect. As for the illstarred exchange-rate mechanism, M Balladur has staked his personal authority on sustaining the franc's existing parity against the mark. Mr Major, who did so before September 16, did his best to help yesterday by talking about the desirability of currency stability. But there, however beleaguered the franc this week, the common ground ends. For Britain, monetary union would imply the surrender of sovereignty: but for France, it means regaining French sovereignty from the Bundesbank. Unless and until the markets or public anger over spiralling unemployment force flexibility on France, British appeals for pragmatism in the interest of growth will fall on deaf ears.

Yet within that severest of constraints, M Balladur's economic policies are close to Britain's. Mr Major was forced to smile through M Mitterrand's barbed references yesterday to France's national referendum on Maastricht, but M Balladur's Gaullist party is almost as deeply divided on the treaty as the Tories. That, coupled with growing doubt in France about the treaty's practicability make the French government a powerful potential ally in the cause of subsidiarity, in the post-Maastricht debate within the EC on the distribution of powers between Brussels and member states.

On the broader political front, France is more open than in years to the attractions of a more "triangular" European strategy in which Britain might at least complement the old Paris-Bonn axis — currently under strains which the British government has had the tact to play down. London and Paris are exploring the potential for a more richly textured and realistic relationship, solid enough to allow for the frank discussion of disagreements. That is not the stuff of cloth of gold. But it has the makings of a closer interplay of interest than for decades.

LEGITIMATE ISSUES

Who really saved Britain from the social chapter?

Mr Major and M Mitterrand seem to have spent little time in their meeting on the "three bastards" affair. When the press conference questions came, the French president must have been mystified by this latest example of Anglo-Saxon attitudes. If one is to whisper abuse, what better than that good Old French word? As for abusing close cabinet colleagues, that is as French as *volte face* and *raison d'état*. To be caught by an open microphone, well, *tant pis*. And anyway, as his old friend Jean-Paul Sartre once wrote in melancholy mood: "You always lose. Only the bastards think they win".

Down at the Christchurch by-election, however, the Liberal Democrats were making the most of Mr Major's taped indiscretions about present and former ministers. As Sir Edward Heath roared on radio and John Redwood teased on TV, Tory loyalists were struggling hard to find that line in the European sand that Sir Norman Fowler had promised them on Friday. "Last week is last week and this week is this week" spluttered the 1922 Committee chairman, Sir Marcus Fox, revealing nothing more than that if a politician uses a truism it is rarely true.

It would doubtless be delightful for Mr Major if he could continue in M Mitterrand's understanding company and avoid the voters of Christchurch. Unfortunately for him, that is impossible. The "bastards" tape, however much its existence is deplored, must inevitably be of concern to Tory supporters. Its text deserves examining with care alongside other statements made on that same eventful day.

During the House of Commons debate last week the prime minister stated more than once how damaging the social chapter would be to British industry. He spoke as though nothing could be more disastrous than to impose its terms. He cited ICI more often than a paint commercial.

In the unofficially taped quotations attributed to him he answers a question about ministerial reactions if the social chapter had been accepted: "Just think through it from my perspective", he says. "You are a prime minister with a majority of 18, a party that is still harking back to a golden age that never was and is now invented. You have three right-wing members of the cabinet who actually resign."

What can voters make of this? Do they decide that the prime minister is merely tired and ill-tempered, or that he has three troublesome ministers with whom he has often quarrelled, or that, without those three men and their propensity to resign the social chapter, with all its fatal flaws, would have been accepted?

The last possibility seems alarmingly likely. It is already clear that during the treaty negotiations Michael Howard, now home secretary, played one vital role in keeping Britain out of the social chapter. Were there then three others whose resignation threats were also necessary to keep Britain from a fate that the prime minister subsequently painted so blackly?

It has become a commonplace of commentary that voters do not care about Maastricht, that the economy and crime are vastly greater concerns. But voters do care — and should care — about the integrity of their elected leaders. The sense that so many politicians say one thing in private and the opposite in public is corrosive. The Maastricht debate was not honest. It is to legitimacy, not illegitimacy, that the Tory party should address its many minds.

LEARNING CURVE

Education should be the heart of government strategy

After this summer's farcical boycott of national tests, the final passage of the education bill through the House of Lords yesterday was bound to attract less attention than ministers might have hoped when it was launched last year. But parents should not underestimate the potential impact of this legislation. It will change the organisation of the nation's schools fundamentally.

As more schools opt out of council control, local education authorities will wither and be replaced, area by area, by a national authority. New teams of centrally-appointed outsiders will move into failing schools. It will be easier for comprehensives to become selective and for parents to found their own schools. As local government steps aside, John Patten, the education secretary, will acquire more than 40 new powers. Local political management of education will be replaced by a blend of parent power and Whitehall control.

This is the formidable reform which Baroness Blatch, the education minister, must initiate while Mr Patten recovers from his stomach virus. She must also respond to the preliminary findings of the Dearing enquiry into the national curriculum, out next week. But the tasks facing education ministers do not end at the school gate. *Today The Times begins* a series of articles following the paths taken by four of the 726,000 teenagers leaving school this week: the class of '93. Twenty years ago, leaving school meant leaving education for all but a few. But the expansion of degree courses and further education has radically increased the proportion of the population for whom the education department has a responsibility.

This duty must be at the heart of the government's domestic agenda. Ministers must encourage school-leavers to take charge of their studies and careers by ensuring that the education system works well: institutional efficiency will encourage personal responsibility. The university funding formula must continue to reward entrepreneurial institutions, while the credit available to students must be increased radically. Openness should be improved throughout the education system.

But it must also be ensured that the expansion of higher education does not lower standards. By transforming polytechnics into universities and vastly increasing the number of graduates, the government has already altered the social function of higher education. Teenagers need assurance that the value of higher qualifications will not decline.

School-leavers also deserve better than the tangled system of vocational training, in which 4,000 qualifications are awarded by 300 different bodies. If the status of vocational courses is to be raised, they must be radically streamlined. Mr Patten took a small step in the right direction this month, by recommending that the higher level of the General National Vocational Qualification be known as "the vocational A level". As a corollary, he must encourage improved strategic cooperation between the 5,000 independent further education colleges, the new regional councils which will fund them, and local industry. These are unglamorous and complex tasks. But their importance to Britain's long-term economic prospects could scarcely be overstated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Police and the Sheehy report

From the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

Sir, The Sheehy report is rightly criticised by the Metropolitan police commissioner, Paul Condon (report, July 26), for its failure to understand the motivation and nature of policing on the street. That lack of understanding is emphasised when Professor Colin Campbell states that it is depressing in the extreme that the police, in criticising the Sheehy report, have made no suggestions themselves to improve efficiency (report, July 21). Nothing could be further from the truth.

Indeed, the home secretary who commissioned the Sheehy enquiry complimented the service for being "in the vanguard of change". Quite apart from seeking change from government, much has already been done by the police service's own operational policing review of 1990: the development of performance indicators; greater clarity about the core areas of policing; and work on improved management and leadership.

Most forces have or are introducing policing charters, and three forces have already received government praise for their success in doing so. Many forces have slimmed their management structures and devolved more responsibility to local commanders. There is a whole range of other operational initiatives in respect of crime, public order and traffic under way throughout the country.

These internal reforms have been initiated by the service itself. Chief constables are in a financial and administrative straitjacket with little budgetary flexibility and are heavily constrained, as the Sheehy enquiry itself has highlighted, by centralised, bureaucratic police regulations made by government.

It is chief constables themselves who have sought better procedures to dispense with the services of officers who are lazy or guilty of misconduct. Whilst only a few, the current inability to deal with them devalues the work of the vast majority of caring and highly professional staff. Chief constables have for at least four years been urging legislation to achieve this.

Chief constables want the flexibility to manage forces effectively and welcome proposals in the white paper which will help them to do so, as they do those proposals in the Sheehy report which support improved management and leadership. Where they disagree with Sheehy is in its emphasis on a "hiring and firing" culture for junior officers which is at odds with the ethic of dedicated, valued service to the community. The police service cannot be managed as if it is just another business.

Chief constables seek a balanced, informed debate which will lead to better policing. Extreme rhetoric, from wherever it comes, negates that process.

Yours etc,
CHARLES POLLARD
(Chairman, Quality of Service Committee,
Association of Chief Police Officers),
Thames Valley Police,
Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

Protection of victims

From Miss Anne E. Mace

Sir, There is one recommendation of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, with no major resource implications, which should be implemented urgently. Recommendation 206 states: "At the conclusion of cases that involve sexual offences, victims' statements should be returned to the instructing solicitor."

For a long time it has been a matter of concern to probation service staff and others that detailed court case material has continued to circulate amongst sex offenders in prison and in the community for pornographic use. Its availability prolongs anguish and degradation for victims, as well as potentially providing opportunity for identifying future victims to target — particularly child victims.

In response to a Home Office consultation paper in 1991, the Association of Chief Officers of Probation said:

> The accused must retain the right to have access to material which will be used by the prosecution . . . but measures which seek to control the circulation of witness statements will best achieve the balance between the rights of the accused and the rights of victims to believe that their privacy and future security will be afforded the highest priority.

We will be urging the home secretary to act quickly on the royal commission's recommendation 206.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE E. MACE
(Chair, Association of Chief Officers of Probation),
West Yorkshire Probation Service,
PO Box 81, Sandy Walk,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Mystery tour

From Mr J. A. Coutts

Sir, I recently bought a delicious melon from my local supermarket. On it was a label stating: "Produce of more than one country."

Yours etc,
ARCHIE COUTTS,
Parsonage Croft,
Lower Basildon, Berkshire.

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Water: who decides and who pays?

From Mr Richard H. Burnett-Hall

Sir, Why do those in the United Kingdom who press most strongly for subsidiarity always equate this with taking decisions at Westminster instead of Brussels? You do this in your leader, "This side of the water" (July 14), saying that drinking water standards should be decided by the British government. But why the government?

The obvious level for taking such decisions is that of the statutory water bodies. They should be taken by the people in those areas who have to pay the resulting water bills, and by no one else. If, as you argue, geography justifies a different regime in Britain from the Dutch, that certainly applies every bit as much within Britain.

So if the Northumbrians, the Welsh and the Anglians each wish to place different cash values on avoiding risks to public health (and for that matter on rivers fit for salmon, sewin and otters), let them.

You say the tension between the public's desire for better water and resistance to higher bills has nothing to do with Brussels. Maybe, but if so it has precious little to do with Westminster either.

Of course, if the government really gave full effect to subsidiarity on every front, a lot of people now at Westminster would no longer be needed there.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BURNETT-HALL,
Mitre House,
160 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
July 16.

From Ms Liana Stupples

Sir, Your editorial misjudges Friends of the Earth's motivation in our campaign for drinking water quality. If the UK had squarely faced its responsibilities 13 years ago when it agreed to the EC drinking water standards, water sources could have been safeguarded.

Instead, contamination by pesticides and nitrates has continued, and the consumers rather than the polluters are footing the bill.

To suggest that Brussels is imposing standards agreed by a minority belies the fact that EC member states, *including the UK, unanimously* agreed to those laws.

Our battle is not about Brussels decisions versus London decisions, but about policies driven by expediency rather than the importance of a protected environment.

Yours sincerely,
LIANA STUPPLES
(Water campaigner),
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.
July 14.

From Ms Gill Witter

Sir, Ofwat's report, "Paying for Quality" (details, July 14), does not tackle the heart of the water problem — the cause of contamination. Intensive use has led to pesticides in our drinking water: we must treat the cause, not the symptoms, with a pesticide-reduction programme.

Government should replace the current policy that regulates pesticides solely on a chemical-by-chemical basis with one that compares the costs, risks and benefits of chemical and non-chemical control.

Yours faithfully,
GILL WITTER
(Pollution Officer),
World Wide Fund for Nature,
Panda House, Weyside Park,
Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey.
July 16.

From Mr Craig Sams

Sir, Your leader asserts that subsidiarity should apply when deciding the level and rate of improvement in British water quality standards.

The *main* pollutants in British tap water are pesticides, nitrates and hormones. Their presence in our water is the direct result of a Brussels-imposed common agricultural policy that enjoys little support in this country except from landowners and the manufacturers of agrichemicals.

Withdrawal from the CAP is politically improbable, so the pollution will continue. However, it is unfair to charge the clean-up costs to British households, who already carry the heavy tax burden of funding the CAP. If the "polluter pays" principle is to apply, then the money to purify our water should come from Brussels.

Yours sincerely,
CRAIG SAMS,
269 Portobello Road, W11.
July 14.

Building bridges

From Mr Stephen Osgood

Sir, Your most welcome leading article, "A span too far", and Marcus Binney's article of July 14 on Britain's ugly bridges prompts me to draw your attention to their cost to the environment as a whole.

The intent of the Department of Transport to join Devon and Cornwall with yet a third bridge at Saltash Passage is a case in point. Construction of the present road bridge in 1961 seriously diminished the visual drama and engineering achievement of Brunel's masterpiece of 1869 and certainly eroded the environmental presence of what is now recognised as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

That the road bridge in itself is a *considerable engineering achievement* does not erase this fundamental fault. To compound the error in a period of growing environmental awareness would, however great the engineering design, be visually insensitive, arrogant and from a landscape point of view quite irresponsible.

A further example of egocentric naivety lies in the mooted competition (letters, July 22) for a high-level bridge to join Poole and Hamworthy across Holes Bay in Dorset.

However beautiful the ultimate design might be, the visual impact upon this wonderful wetland would be unacceptably devastating and again quite irresponsible.

The insertion of such huge structures into the landscape must be solutions of last resort.

Yours etc,
STEPHEN OSGOOD,
Box 1040, Philipsburgh,
Sint Maartin,
Netherlands Antilles.

From Mr Tony Symes

Sir, The barbarians are at the bridges but I will pass over the ill-considered leader comment that "using old materials it was almost impossible to build an ugly bridge".

The hideous flat slab-like bridges that span our motorways probably saved a few hundred thousand pounds each over more elegant curved structures but what is that over perhaps a 250-year lifespan? Bridges should be built not only for our immediate needs but for posterity and, wherever possible, designed as an object of beauty.

Yours faithfully,
TONY SYMES,
Marita, Mill Street,
Coinbrook, Buckinghamshire.
July 14.

From Mr Harry Gort

Sir, "A span too far". And a pun too many?

Yours faithfully,
H. GORT,
Deepdene Cottage,
Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey.
July 14.

Defeating leprosy

From Mr Colin Crawford

Sir, Dr Thomas Suttaford's comments ("Lepers touched by modern medicine", Body and Mind, July 13) on the success of dapsone and multi-drug treatment for leprosy are welcome. It is true that between 12 and 20 million patients were previously estimated to have the disease, but these estimates have recently been dramatically lowered. Now 3.1 million are estimated to have leprosy, of which 2.3 million are registered for treatment, according to the *WHO Weekly Epidemiological Record*. A further two to three million are estimated as having sustained some disability. Last year 653,354 new patients were detected and the aim should be to reduce this number to zero, using multi-drug therapy.

Leprosy will have been eradicated when this is achieved, because transmission takes place only between *humans* and, once eliminated in any country, the disease has not returned.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. CRAWFORD
(Lecturer in anatomy),
Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School,
Department of Anatomy,
Fulham Palace Road, W6.

Prisoners abroad

From the Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir, Your report, "No comfort for jailed Britons" (July 22), unfavourably compares our services to Britons imprisoned overseas with those of the Germans and the United States. Although the Germans do pay social security to their citizens on remand overseas, no European Community country, nor the US, pays benefits to convicted prisoners abroad. We provide medicines and other prison comforts, on the same basis as the Germans and others.

It is not true that our guidelines recommend an annual visit. They recommend visits at reasonable intervals, at least twice yearly in developed countries and at least quarterly in less developed ones. These are in addition to the initial visit, made after arrest. In practice, prisoners in many parts of the world are visited about once a month.

The report mentions the possibility of prisoners serving their time in their own country. We are party to all the conventions and schemes which allow the transfer of prisoners and are active in encouraging other governments to adopt them.

The British government's record in providing consular services abroad is second to none.

Yours sincerely,
MARK LENNOX-BOYD,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
Whitehall, SW1.
July 23.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

The morals of homosexuality

From Rabbi Dr Nisson E. Shulman

Sir, The recently publicised views (report, July 16) that proneness to homosexuality may be genetically transmitted has given rise to a stormy response. Judaism has a definite view, clearly and succinctly expressed by Lord Jakobovits in his letter (July 17). I am saddened by the intolerance of his critics (letters, July 20).

To Judaism, abhorrence of homosexual *conduct* is altogether compatible with sympathy for homosexuals, especially since they may expose themselves and others to Aids. Judaism believes that we must be masters of human nature, not enslaved by it. For some it may be more difficult to control their nature and resist its drives than for others. God's law remains in force, whether harder to follow or easier.

Cain was not merely informed that sin crouches at the door. He was also told that it would draw him on with a magnetic power of attraction. He was commanded to resist that power and to master his inclination.

The Bible classes homosexuality as an abomination, one of the most severe transgressions. Society, by condoning it, has made it all the harder to resist. But resist we must, however we are inclined, whether the inclination is genetic, social or psychological.

Yours sincerely,
NISSON SHULMAN (Coordinator),
Centre for Medical Ethics,
Jews' College, 44a Albert Road, NW4.
July 22.

From Mr H. B. Brooks-Baker

Sir, The possible location of the homosexual gene represents a great hope to the genealogical world. When the study is complete, and genetic engineering is in force, perhaps the world will be composed only of people dedicated to procreation. Some of us, however, will miss history-makers like Louis XIII of France, James I of England, Alexander the Great and Frederick the Great.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. BROOKS-BAKER
(Publishing Director),
Burke's Peerage,
Brooks Marketing Ltd,
205 St John's Hill, SW11.

'Average' poverty

From Mr Michael Ashenden

Sir, Sir Gordon Borrie confirms (*Times* Essay, July 19) what many of us have long suspected: that the European Commission's definition of poverty is to have an income below half the average. I am reminded of reading that when conscription was introduced in the 1914 war, many people were profoundly shocked to learn that as many as half the men of England were below average height.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ASHENDEN,
25 Melrose Road, Merton Park, SW19.

From Professor Brenda Almond

Sir, Our leaders will do well to hesitate to relieve poverty the European way if the European Commission has defined it as an income below half the average. Truly, on this basis the poor will *necessarily* be always with us.

Yours etc,
BRENDA ALMOND,
9 New End, NW3.

Understanding males

From Ms Caroline Bingham

Sir, If men, as Janet Daley says (article, July 15), are characterised by "their complete inability to understand what it is like to be someone else", isn't it surprising that there are so many distinguished male novelists and dramatists?

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE BINGHAM,
164 Regent's Park Road, NW1.

Well worn

From Baroness Strange

Sir, I often wear as an evening wrap a Drummond tartan plaid made for my great-great-grandmother, Lady Charlotte Drummond, when she attended the ball given at the Palace of Holyroodhouse by George IV in 1822 (letters, June 29; July 2, 3, 10, 21, 24).

Yours,
STRANGE,
As from Megginch Castle,
Errol, Perthshire.

From Mrs Elspeth Morton

Sir, I wear the long black skirt of a dress made for my great-grandmother (b. 1846). It had a matching jacket which my sister wears as a waistcoat.

Yours faithfully,
ELSPETH MORTON,
Old Post Office,
Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex.
July 12.

From Dr Robert Michael Bernstein

Sir, Of course no one needs a ball gown outside Kent (letter, July 24). That's where all the hops are.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BERNSTEIN,
23 Anson Road, Manchester.
July 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 26: The President of the French Republic visited The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening gave a Dinner for Founder Members of Charter for Business at Buckingham Palace.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the French Republic and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Colombia and Señora de Gaviria and welcomed His Excellency and Señora de Gaviria on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 26: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, Royal Collection Trust, this morning held a meeting of the trustees at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 26: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Yorkshire County Cricket Club, this afternoon opened the new Pavilion at Headingley Cricket Ground, Headingley, Leeds, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, the University of Leeds, this evening attended a reception and dinner for the Honorary Graduates at Weetwood Hall.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London SW5.

Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 26: Princess Alexandra today visited Jersey and was received by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Air Marshal Sir John Sutton) and the Bailiff (Sir Peter Crill).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, met members of the Jersey Branch of BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients) at St Brelade and, subsequently, visited the Jersey Cheshire Home, Eric Young House, St Helier, on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary.

Later, Princess Alexandra visited the Headquarters of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries at Howard Davis Farm, Trinity.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.



Odd man out: President Mitterrand of France keeps his hands firmly pressed to his knees while John Major and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, show slightly more exuberance during the Anglo-French summit meetings in London yesterday. Mitterrand's prediction, page 1. Pressure on the ERM, page 21

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Bernoulli, mathematician, Basel, 1667; Charlotte Corday, assassin of Jean-Paul Marat, St Saturnin, France, 1768; Thomas Campbell, poet, Glasgow, 1777; Sir George Biddell Airy, Astronomer Royal 1836–92, Alnwick, Northumberland, 1801; Alexandre Dumas fils, dramatist, Paris, 1824; Giosuè Carducci, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Valdicastello, Italy, 1835; Enrique Granados, composer, Lerida, Spain, 1867; Hilaire Belloc, writer, La Celle, St Cloud, France, 1870.

DEATHS: Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne, Marshal of France, Sassbach, 1675; Mikhail Lermontov, poet, killed in a duel, Pyatigorsk, Russia, 1841; John Dalton, chemist, Manchester, 1844; Ferrucio Busoni, pianist and composer, Berlin, 1924; Louis-Hubert Lyautey, Marshal of France, Thorey, 1934; Gertrude Stein, writer, Paris, 1946; Richard Aldington, novelist and biographer, Maison Sallé, France, 1962; Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Prime Minister of Portugal 1932–68, Lisbon, 1970; Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran 1941–79, Cairo, 1980; James Mason, film actor, Switzerland, 1984; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London, 1986.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, master, will attend the quarterly court and luncheon at Trinity House at 11.30.

The Princess of Wales will open St Nicholas' Hospice, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, at 10.45; as Patron of the St Matthew Society, will attend a conference at the Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds, at 11.45; will open a sheltered housing scheme for the elderly at William Wood House, Schools Street, Sudbury, at 1.40; and will visit Lucas Diesel Systems, Newton Road, Sudbury, at 2.25.

The Princess Royal, will open the new factory of Quantel Telecommunications, Lynx Business Park, Snailwell, at 10.00; and will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor of Leeds University, will preside over degree conferment ceremonies at 9.30 and attend a reception and dinner for honorary graduates.



Jo Durie, the tennis player, is 33 today

Birthdays today

Mr Michael Ball, singer, 31; Mr Allan Border, cricketer, 38; Lord Cawley, 80; Mr Peter Coker, artist, 26; Mr Christopher Dean, ice skater, 35; Sir Ronald Dearing, former chairman, Post Office Corporation, 63; Dame Mary Green, former headmistress, Kidbrooke School, 80; Mr Jack Higgins, novelist, 64; Lord Jenkins of Putney, 85; Professor J.O'D. McGee, pathologist, 54; Sir James Munn, former chairman, Training Commission, 73; Mr David Potter, group chief executive, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 49; Sir Denis Rickett, civil servant, 86; Baroness Williams of Crosby, 63.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following have been admitted as Honorary Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry:

Jeremy Randall Knowles, CBE, MA, DPhil, CChem, FRSC, FRS, Amory Houghton Professor of Chemistry and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, USA; Erno Pungor, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, Technical University of Budapest and President, National Technological Development Centre, Hungary; and Helen Patricia Sharman, OBE, BSc, CChem, MRSC.

Appointment

Peter Hinchcliffe to be ambassador to Jordan in succession to P H C Eyers who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Chinese soldiers hid in maze of tunnels

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

AN UNDERGROUND network of tunnels a thousand years old has been discovered south of Peking in northern China, dug as a hidden redoubt for Song Dynasty soldiers. The tunnels are said to run under several hundred square kilometres of Yongqing County and the surrounding area.

Reporting the find, the official newspaper *China Today* says that the network "starts in the southern corner of the county and extends southeast and southwest, crisscrossing back and forth, each path having deep, middle and shallow passages. Each of the three passages differs in length, height and width."

The tunnels were built of grey brick and sections had been penetrated on several previous occasions when buildings above collapsed or when local people dug shelters during the last war. The unity and extent of the system were not recognised until recently.

The system was built to house military personnel: many small rooms equipped with heatable brick sleeping platforms were discovered, one with several candles still in place. A maze of narrow "bewilderment holes" was designed to confuse enemies who penetrated the tunnels; every few steps subsidiary tunnels branched off and zigzagged in different directions.

The tunnels are attributed to the Song Dynasty (AD 960-1279) in later records, although not officially recorded in the Song annals. Chinese scholars believe that this was for security reasons. The site is to be opened up for tourism, "complete with ancient battlefield and visual interpretations of historical stories". *China Today* says.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Christopher Arnesen, Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, Distington (Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, Sheffield Manor Team Ministry (Sheffield).

The Rev Royston Barber: to be Curate (NSM), Cannington, Otterhampton w Combwich and Stockland (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Elizabeth Baxter, until recently Assistant Curate, St Margaret's and All Hallows, Leeds (Ripon): to be part-time Assistant Curate, St Columba's, Topcliffe, and Joint Director of the Healing Centre, Sowerby (York).

The Rev Stanley Baxter, until recently Priest-in-charge, St Margaret's and All Hallows, Leeds (Ripon): to be part-time Priest-in-charge, St Columba's, Topcliffe and Joint Director of the Healing Centre, Sowerby (York).

The Rev Joan Brown, Team Parish Deacon, Netherthorpe Team Ministry, recently retired to be Parish Deacon (NSM), St Peter's, Ellesmere (Sheffield).

The Rev Douglas Chaplain, Curate, Lydney w Aylburton (Gloucester): to be Rector, Worcester, St Clement (Worcester).

The Rev Douglas Cotton, Vicar, Herne Bay, Christ Church: to be also temporarily Rural Dean of Reculver (Canterbury).

The Rev Clifford Curd, Vicar, Moorland Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Ilsington (Exeter).

The Rev Michael Darby, former Chaplain in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (Cyprus and the Gulf): to be Vicar, St Nathaniel, Platt Bridge (Liverpool).

The Rev Barry Gilbert, Vicar, Stourport-on-Severn and Wilden: to be also Rural Dean of Stourport (Worcester).

The Rev David Holgate, Lecturer at St Paul's Theological College, Grahamstown, South Africa: to be Priest-in-charge, Felsted, and Colchester Episcopal Area Continuing Ministerial Education officer (Chelmsford).

The Rev John Hudson, Vicar, Royston and Priest-in-charge, Carlton: to be also Rural Dean of Barnsley (Wakefield).

The Rev Canon Reg Humphriss, Rector, Saltwood: to be also Rural Dean of Elham (Canterbury).

The Rev Paul Kennedy, Vicar, Waterhouses (Durham): to be Vicar, Church of the Holy Spirit, Denton (Newcastle).

The Rev Canon Marion Mingins, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and an Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be a Residentiary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

The Rev John Pescod, Rector, Milverton, Fitzhead and Halse: to be Vicar, St John's, Frome and St Mary's, Frome and Vicar, Woodlands (held in plurality) (Bath and Wells).

The Rev David Prothero, Priest-in-charge, St Mary's, Bathwick and St John's, Bathwick: to be Rector, St Mary's, Bathwick and St John's, Bathwick (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Robin Ray, Vicar, St Peter's, Lyngford, Taunton: to be Rector, Exford w Exmoor, Hawkridge and Withypool (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Jeremy Smith, Assistant Curate, St James, West Hampstead: to be Vicar, St Mary, Cable Street (London).

The Rev Michael Stephens, Vicar, Brabourne w Smeeth: to continue as Rural Dean of North Lympne (Canterbury) for a further year.

The Rev Kevan Tailby, Team Vicar, Dovercourt and Parkeston Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Colchester, St Botolph and Chaplain to the Military Corrective Training Centre (Chelmsford).

The Rev John Tyler, Curate (NSM), Stoke St Gregory w Burrowbridge and Lyng: to be Priest-in-charge, Shepton Beauchamp w Barrington w Puckington and Bradon and Stocklinch (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Simon Walls, Curate, Castleknock and Mulhaddart w Clonsilla, Dublin: to be Assistant Hospital Chaplain at Maidstone General Hospital (Canterbury).

The Rev Graham Witts, Team Rector, Yelverton, Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton (Exeter): to be Curate, St John's, Glastonbury w St Benedict, Meare, West Pennard and Godney (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Michael Woodhead, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Stanmington: to be Vicar, St John's Deepcar (Sheffield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Roger Atkins, Team Vicar, Gleadless (Sheffield): to retire as from October 30.

The Rev Diana Atkins, Parish Deacon, Team Parish of Gleadless (Sheffield): to retire as from October 30.

The Rev John Bunker, Vicar, Halifax, St Augustine (Wakefield): retired as from June 30.

The Rev John Cooke, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Balby and Rural Dean of West Doncaster (Sheffield): to resign as from September 30.

The Rev Ralph Garnett, Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Fownhope, All Saints, Brockhampton w Fawley, Rural Dean of Hereford Rural Deanery and Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford): to retire as from October 31. He is to be appointed a Prebendary Emeritus on retirement.

The Rev James Gibbs, Vicar, All Saints, Stechford (Birmingham): to retire as from August 1.

The Rev Canon Walter Hatchley, Vicar, St Francis, High Heaton (Newcastle): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Reginald Howard, Vicar, St Michael's, Wakefield (Wakefield): retired as from June 30.

The Rev Gordon Millier, Rector, Pilton w Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder (Bath and Wells): to retire as from September 4.

The Rev John Thompson, Bishop's Chaplain to Homes for the Elderly and Chaplain to Weston Park Hospital (Sheffield): to retire as from July 31.

Luncheon

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M François Mitterrand, President of France. The other guests were:

M Edouard Balladur, M François Leotard, M Alain Juppé, M Edmond Alphandéry, M Gérard Longuet, M Jean Puech, M Michel Barnier, M Alain Lamassoure, Mme Anne Lauvergeon, M Jean Musitelli, the French Ambassador, M Jean Vidal, Mlle Anne Le Lorier, M Bernard de Montferrand, M Alain Dejammet, M André Benard, M Jacques Viot, M Maurice Levy, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Mr John MacGregor, MP, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP, Mr John Gummer, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, MP, Mr Richard Needham, MP, the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, Sir David Steel, MP, Sir Alastair Morton, Sir Patrick Sheehy, Sir Samuel Bidtan, Mr Eddie George, Mr Stewart Steven, Professor Brian Fender, Professor Theodore Zeldin, Mr Neville Simms, Mr Bowen Wells, MP, Mr Christopher Johnson, the Hon Nicholas Serota, Mr Neil MacGregor, Mr George Benjamin, Mr Nicholas Snowman, Mr Simon Sharma, Mr Adrian Noble, Mr Colin Dyer, Mr William Keegan, Mr Trevor Green, Sir Robin Butler, Sir Christopher Mallaby, Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, Sir Roderic Brathwaite, Mr David Omand, Mr Roderic Lyne and Mr Gus O'Donnell.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.R. Coke and Dr P. Morris

The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs J.R. Coke, of Lightwater, Surrey, and Paula, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Morris, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr P.M. Colebatch and Miss L.J.T. Fowler

The engagement is announced between Phillip Maxwell, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.V. Colebatch, of Adelaide, South Australia, and Lucinda Jane Tysoe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Fowler, of Hasfield, Gloucestershire.

Mr W.J. Fetherston and Miss E.J. Kirkham

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs James Fetherston, of Wimbledon, London, and Liz, daughter of Mrs Gillian Kirkham, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Mr P. Hugh Smith and Miss C.R.K. Gray

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Sir Andrew and Lady Hugh Smith, of Grendon Underwood, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline (Kate), younger daughter of Mr Peter Gray, of Opononi, New Zealand, and Mrs Jill Gray, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr J.A. O'Hegarty and Miss L.R. Draycott

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Flann O'Hegarty, of Langley Court, Rake, Hampshire, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Draycott, of Nethergate House, Sadingham Nethergate, Norfolk.

Mr P.T. Parkinson and Miss J. Whittington

The engagement is announced between Paul Talbot, son of Mr and Mrs R.T. Parkinson, of Lancaster, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Whittington, of East Keswick, near Leeds.

Mr D.M.F.G. Rigo and Miss K.M. Altink

The engagement is announced between Dominique, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gérard Rigo, of Brussels, Belgium, and Kristina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jan Altink, of Gex, Ain, France.

Mr E.T. Spence and Miss S.E. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Dr M.P. Spence and the late Mrs G. Spence, of Datchworth, Hertfordshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr B. Edwards and Mrs C. Edwards, of Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan.

Latest wills

Sir Stephen France Burman, of Barnt Green, Hereford and Worcester, former chairman of Serck Ltd, Birmingham, a former director of Avery's, ICI and Lucas Industries, and Pro-Chancellor of Birmingham University 1955-66, left estate valued at £2,188,641 net.

Mr Herman Deighton Steiner, of London N6, founder of the Steiner hairdressing group, who was granted his first Royal Warrant by Queen Mary and was appointed Cosmetician to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, left estate valued at £1,134,358 net.

Mr Robert Alexander McCance of Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, former Professor of Experimental Medicine at Cambridge University and a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, left estate valued at £597,182 net.

He left £10,000 to Sidney Sussex College, for a fund for research expenses and travel, preferably in subjects connected with medicine, for Fellows of the college.

Lady Elizabeth Heather Grierson, of London SW1, wife of Sir Ronald Hugh Grierson, vice-chairman of GEC, and formerly chairman of Orion Bank, Director General of Industrial and Technological Affairs for the EEC and a member of the Arts Council, left estate valued at £276,966 net.

Mr Peter Dudley Cordrey, of Hayes, north west London, left estate valued at £2,253,483 net.

He left his freehold home and contents, his interest in certain other real property and his boat Blue Mist and 3/9ths of the residue to personal legatees and 1/9th of the residue to the World Vision of Britain.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr David Murdock Argyle, of Hopwas, Staffordshire ..... £512,747.

Mr Ronald Battye, of Esher, Surrey ..... £1,342,688.

Mrs Gladys Bridge, of Bury, Greater Manchester ..... £558,109.

Mrs May Brown, of Weyhill, Hampshire ..... £537,721.

Mr John Norman Burrell, of Riding Mill, Northumberland ..... £663,296.

Mr Anthony Bertram Butler, of London W2 ..... £896,378.

Mrs Margaret Joyce Darling, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire ..... £588,831.

Mr Cyril John Felthouse, of Penkridge, Staffordshire ..... £572,182.

Mr Frederick John Forshaw, of St Helens, Merseyside ..... £1,367,[illegible].

Mr Victor James Francis, of St Albans, Hertfordshire ..... £604,885.

Mrs Hazel Rickman Hastings, of Pulborough, West Sussex £850,272.

Mr Ralph Rasmus Dening Alcock, of Ashton in Makerfield, Greater Manchester ..... £901,161.

Mr George William Bown, of Markfield, Leicestershire £647,144.

Mr Clement Elphick Gossling, of East Grinstead, West Sussex ..... £503,964.

Mr Percy Guy Parker, of Wrexham, Clwyd ..... £1,139,550.

Mr Cyril Arthur James Paul, of Kingsbridge, Devon ..... £510,164.

Mr Sidney Pearlman, of Vale Close, London W9 ..... £1,110,421.

Mrs Nellie May Sandy, of Whitstable, Kent ..... £647,519.

Mrs Sylvia Christine Rosemary Howkins Van Heengel, of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk ..... £600,290.

Mrs Meta Minnine Walton, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire ..... £1,058,638.

Dorothy Marion Alice Widall, of Chipstead, Surrey ..... £508,739.

Royal College of Physicians

Among new Fellows admitted to the Royal College of Physicians of London were: Princess Alexandra, Professor Dezso Schuler (Budapest), Professor Soad Tabaqchali (St Bart's, London), Professor Roger Whitehead (Cambridge) and Mr John Wickham (Institute of Urology, London).

Secretaries and Administrators

The following have been elected officers of the Chartered Secretaries' and Administrators' Company for the ensuing year:

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Master, Mr J.G. Curtis; Second Warden, Mr J.R.D. Scriven; Third Warden, Mr P.W. Nicholson; Fourth Warden, Mr M. Biscoe.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street to mark the YMCA's 150th anniversary.

Legal appointment

Bernard Anthony Rix QC to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

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BIRTHS

AFTER - On July 23rd, to Gabrielle and Harry, a daughter Isobel Grace, a sister for Chloe.

BALAZS - On July 16th in London, to Jennifer Law and John Balazs, a son, Robert Peter, a brother for Kiti and Rose. After a short illness, he died peacefully at home on July 23rd, with his family around him.

CARRELET - On 21st July, to Manuel and Catherine, a daughter, Tatiana Alida.

GOWER-SMITH - On July 24th, to Christine (née Allan) and Mark, a son, James Andrew, a brother for Charles.

HUTCHINGS - On 19th July 1993 to Claudia (née Dalton) and Martin, a daughter Flora Beatrice, a sister for Jack.

LAW - Please see Balazs

LAZARUS - On 23rd of July, in Boston, MA, to Kimi and Roger, a daughter, Rachel Esme.

MORANT - On 22nd July in Hong Kong, to Diana and Nicholas, a son.

PFEFFER - On July 22nd at the Portland Hospital to Andrea and Thomas from Koenigstein Flieden, a beautiful son, Valentin - in thankfullness, his parents.

PILCHER - On Saturday 24th to Jane (née Baker) and Grahame, a son, Henry James.

SAYER - On July 20th, to Rosemary and Peter, a daughter, Katherine Octavia.

SHIPP - On 23rd July, to Elizabeth (née Higgs) and Brian, a daughter, sister for Alexander.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS - On 24th July, to John and Catherine, a son and daughter, Steven and Cara, a brother and sister for John.

MARRIAGES

BANKS:BURNS - On Saturday 24th July at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Anstey, Noel Kenneth Frederic Banks, son of Mr Lester Banks, of Penryn, and Mrs Patricia Hanton, of Highgate, to Jacqueline Susan, daughter of Mr & Mrs Douglas Burns of Leicester.

DEATHS

ARBUTHNOTT - On July 23rd, Margaret Georgiana (née Hyde), aged 85, wife of the late Cmdr. James Gordon Arbuthnott R.N. Funeral Enquiries c/o J. Perigoe & Son. (0797) 260516.

BAILEY - Alan, peacefully at home on Friday 23rd July 1993. Funeral on Thursday 29th July at 12 noon at Paradon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, Essex. Donations only to Cancer Research Campaign, Loughton. (081) 508-4910.

BARKER - On 24th July 1993, Charles Albert Herron, much loved husband of Pamela and father to Sarah, Neil, Clare and Simon, greatly missed by All. Funeral at 2.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 30th July, followed by Interment.

BENOY - Ursula, widow of Jack Benoy, South Staffordshire Regiment, and mother of Humphrey and Philippa, peacefully at Ilfracombe. Cremation private. Memorial service later.

DEATHS

BESSEL - Basil, On July 23rd, peacefully at home aged 101, beloved father of Marissa and 'Dinny' and grandfather of Alexander, Louise and Adrian. Service at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, on Friday July 30th at 2.30pm.

BOLLAND - Robert Arthur, peacefully at home on July 25th after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Arthur, beloved husband of Joan, devoted father of Mark, Diana and the late Tracy. Cortège to leave residence for Service in Chapel of St Bede, Teeside Crematorium on Wednesday 28th July at 3.00pm. Friends and relatives please meet at Crematorium Chapel. Reunited with his beloved Tracy.

BROWN - On July 22nd, suddenly, Hugh Dashwood, aged 72, much loved husband of Hazel and dearest father of Penny and Nicholas. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. No flowers, by request. Donations, if desired, to The Horses and Ponies Protection Association. All enquiries to F. Jeppson & Son, Funeral Directors, Battle. Tel: 0424 772029.

COTTRELL - Mary Marie (May), Peacefully on July 24th in her 99th year at her home, Rosehill House, Shropshire. Widow of W.S.P. Cottrell (Late Architect) of Carmarthen, Wales. An adored mother, beloved grandmother and dearest Aunt to all her family. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen on Thursday July 29th at 12.30pm followed by Interment at Carmarthen Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to James Summers & Son, Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff. (Tel: 0222 464506) or direct to St Peter's Church, Carmarthen.

DEATHS

EARLAM - On 23rd July, peacefully at home, Elsbeth (Elsie) Nicolas, wife of the late Francis Earlam M.D. Beloved mother of Richard, Mary, Ruth and the late Peter. Funeral Service at Twyford Parish Church, nr. Winchester, on Tuesday 10th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to R.N.L.I., c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

FRIPP - Patricia and Mr and Mrs Robert Fripp invite you to a celebration of the life of Edie Fripp. At Edie's request please wear bright colours. In Victoria Hospital, Wimbourne, Edie slipped gently away at 9.10pm on July 22nd 1993 aged 79 years. In the company of her son Robert. The Memorial Service will be held at Wimborne Minster on Friday July 30th 1993 at 11am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be made payable to the Friends of Victoria Hospital and sent to Charles Small & Son Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1JR. Tel: 0202 882372.

GARNETT - On July 23rd 1993, (90) widower of Astrid, peacefully in Lancaster. Memorial service at Eton College to be announced later.

HOWARD Leonard Henry Captain/Commodore P & O Orient Lines, born St Petersburg 1904 died peacefully 24th July 1993. Cremation at Putney Vale crematorium SW15 at 4.00pm Friday 30th July. Donations in lieu of flowers to R. N. L. I. Enquiries to E. Larner & Son 071 223 5432.

DEATHS

HUNTON - Miss Alice Isabella, late of Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia, and formerly of Scotland, passed away at Wangaratta on July 20th 1993, aged 87 years. Loved daughter of Jacob and Mary Hunton (both Dec'd). Sleeping peacefully.

KELSEY - On July 24th, peacefully at Guisborough Nursing Home, Lillian Vera widow of Vice Admiral Kelsey CB, DSC, Aunt Vera to many. Funeral at Mortlake crematorium on July 30th at 4.30 pm. Enquiries to J H Kenyon 071 229 2810.

LANGFORD-HOLT - On July 23rd, 1993, very peacefully, Lieut.-Commander Sir John Langford-Holt, R.N. aged 77 years, former M.P. for Sherwood for 28 years. Dearly beloved husband of Irene, loving father of Paget and Suzannah, and dear step-father to Nicholas. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

LEESE - On the 23rd July 1993, peacefully at home, Joan Bernice Libby, formerly of Mattingley, Hampshire, widow of Brigadier Lionel Libby, and dearly beloved mother of Terence and Jennifer. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St. Laurence's Parish Church, Towcester, on Friday 30th July at 3.00pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Mrs P. Ellman, Daventry Secretary, The Orchards, 18 Cross Street, Drayton, Daventry, Northants, NN11 6ER.

McBRIDE - On 23rd July, at home, in her 96th year, Juanita Marie Lady McBride, née Franco, widow of Vice-Admiral Sir William McBride KCB, CBE, much loved sister of Victoria May, mother of John, mother-in-law of Priscilla and grandmother of Alexander and Nathaniel. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 10am on 30th July, 1993. Flowers (or donations if desired to the Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Association) to Cooperative Funeral Service, 68 Parsons Green Lane, SW6.

DEATHS

PEARSE - On July 24 1993, in Greenwich Hospital, Rachel Nodal, OBE, elder daughter of Dr James Pearse, CBE, and Mrs Amy Pearse, sister of James Ironside (died May 11th 1974) and of Jean. An Hospitality Freewoman of The Clothworkers' Company, President of The Association of headmistresses (1962-1964), ex Headmistress of Herts & Essex High School and of Mary Datchelor Girls' School. Funeral at Falconwood Crematorium, Eltham on Monday August 2 at 10.45am. Family flowers. Donations, if desired, to save The Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RR. Memorial Service later.

SAMUELSON — Antony Louis, aged 69, on 22nd July 1993, suddenly in his garden. Will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Requiem Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Stansted Mountfichet, Essex, on August 6th at 10.30 am. followed by cremation at Parndon Wood, Harlow at noon. Family flowers only, donations if so wished to: Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London.

DEATHS

STRATFORD - On July 24th 1993, peacefully in London, Dr Martin Gould, of Hatch End and Harley Street. Much loved father of Majie and Nell, grandfather of Gail, Fiona, Jessica, Duncan and Rebecca and friend of Margaret. Private family cremation followed by a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's, Bryanston Square on Thursday July 29th at 4 pm. Donations if desired to St Luke's hospital, 14 Fitzroy Square, London W1.

SUTCLIFFE - On 23rd of July in hospital following illness borne with characteristic courage, Richard Anthony aged 66 years dearly loved husband of Diana and father of Katherine and Sarah. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Friday 30th July at the parish church of St Nicholas, Great Hormead, Hertfordshire. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Bolton Village Appeal Fund c/o S Newling and Son Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 7AJ.

TORLESSE — On July 22nd 1993, peacefully at the Grove Nursing Home, Barton-on-Sea, aged 96 years, Sheila Mary Susan, wife of David, Rear Admiral in Her Majesty's Royal Navy. Mother of Charles, Antony and Catherine. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Tiptoe, New Forest, on Wednesday July 28th at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers to Royal National Institute for the Blind, c/o Davies Funeral Services, Wallis House, 28 High Street, Milford-on-Sea, Hants SO41 0QD. Tel: 0590 644664.

DEATHS

WILCOCKS - On July 25th 1993, peacefully, Rex, beloved husband and father. Cremation at Paradon Wood Crematorium, Harlow at 11.30 on July 30th. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Fund may be sent c/o W. English & Sons, 24 Electric Parade, George Lane, South Woodford, London, E18 1AY. Tel: 081-989 8422.

WILSON — On 26th July, peacefully at home in Twyford, John Martindale Wilson K.C.B. aged 77. Dearest husband for 52 years of Penelope, father of Michael and Bridget and a proud grandfather of seven. Private family cremation. Memorial service to be announced later. If desired, donations to The Friends of Winchester Cathedral, 2 The Close, Winchester.

WRATHALL - On July 22nd 1993, Guy beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Catherine, Elizabeth, Diana and Cary and a very special grandfather. Funeral service will be held on Friday 30th of July, 3 pm at the Parish Church of St Mary The Virgin, East Haddon, Northampton. Family flowers only please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADAMSON - A Memorial Service for Vera Adamson, formerly of Birmingham University will be held in St John's Wood Church, London on 3rd September at 2.30pm

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OBITUARIES

GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY

General Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of the famous US 82nd Divison during the second world war and United Nations supreme commander in Korea from 1951, died yesterday in Pittsburgh aged 98. He was born on March 3, 1895.



MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY was an adventurous and resourceful soldier who pioneered the US Army's use of airborne troops in the second world war. He later went on to succeed Douglas MacArthur as head of the United Nations forces during the Korean war before reaching the top of his profession as US Army chief of staff. In all he did he had that capacity to inspire his men with a relentless desire to be at grips with the enemy. From 1943 onwards he sought to convince a sceptical US high command that parachute operations could be the key to unlocking enemy positions, and by his personal example — he jumped with his men on D-Day — he carried his point beyond argument.

He was, perhaps, continually involved in more fierce fighting during the war than any other allied general. Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, the Ardennes counter-offensive and the crossing of the Siegfried Line all felt his hand, and, as in the Ardennes, he was frequently called in to restore situations in which things were not going well.

When he went to Korea, first as commander of the US 8th Army, it was in a similarly fraught situation. After a retreat conducted in bitter weather, morale amongst the men was low and the situation was worsened by the fact that many of them had lost faith in commanders who they sensed were not interested in sharing their hardships. Ridgway got his subordinate commanders out of their jeeps and onto their feet: "Get off your fat asses and get climbing hills" were his unambiguous instructions to one- and two-star generals who had forgotten what marching was, and had hoped to keep matters thus. Very soon the new commander had converted a dispirited rabble into an aggressively minded and tactically canny force.

His colourful personality endeared him not only to his own men but to the British, Canadian and Australian troops who came under his aegis after he replaced MacArthur as UN supreme commander. Patton had had his pearl-handled revolvers; Montgomery his assorted headgear; Wingate his beard and battered pith helmet. But Ridgway, who never went anywhere without one, or sometimes two, primed grenades attached to his chest, surely outdid them all. The ear-splitting siren which he had fitted to his jeep made sure that his arrival in the lines was never unannounced. And there were few of his men whose spirits did not acquire new mettle when "old iron tits" (as he was known from his grenade-adorned person) was near.

Matthew Bunker Ridgway, son of Colonel Thomas Ridgway, was born at Fort Monroe, Virginia. From the beginning he led an army life at the various posts where his father was stationed. After attending the English High School in Boston, he entered West Point, and in 1917 was commissioned into the infantry.

He served first with the 3rd Infantry in Texas, was an instructor at West point and after a course at the Infantry School went overseas to command a company in China. After further overseas service in Panama and the Philippines, he went in 1933 to the command and general staff school. He then did a number of staff jobs until, in 1939, he was appointed to the general staff in Washington where he worked with the war plans division until 1942.

In March 1942 Ridgway became assistant divisional commander of the 82nd Division, and soon after took command. It became an airborne division in August 1942, and so began his close association with airborne operations, of which he became the US Army's leading exponent. Ridgway planned and led the airborne invasion of Sicily in July 1943. Here he displayed the front line leadership for which he became renowned. He fought his way with his own advance guard to Trapani in the west of the island and subsequently took his troops into mainland Italy at Salerno.

In spite of mistakes in Sicily, Ridgway's belief in airborne forces was vindicated when on D-Day in June 1944 he jumped with his division in the assault on the Cotentin peninsula. He was next appointed to command the 18th Airborne Corps. As such he was involved in the allied invasion of the Netherlands where fighting was still in progress when, on December 18, 1944, news came of the German breakthrough in the Ardennes. Ridgway's corps was immediately dispatched into the area and became involved in some of the heaviest fighting of the Northwest Europe campaign. In March 1945 he again distinguished himself, at the Rhine crossing where his corps broke through decisively in the Wesel area. He led it until it affected its junction with Soviet troops on the Baltic in May 1945.

In August 1945 Ridgway returned to the US and from October commanded in the Mediterranean until January 1946 when he went to be Eisenhower's representative on the military staff committee of the UN. Here he helped to produce the report which was a first step towards establishing an international police force. During this time he was also chairman of the Inter-American Defence Board, and then, after being C-in-C Caribbean Command in 1948-49 and deputy chief of staff in 1949-50, he once more embarked on active service.

In December 1950 Ridgway was appointed commander of the 8th Army in Korea. He took over at a time when it was defending roughly the line of the 38th parallel, and was virtually in command of all operations under MacArthur's direction. There followed a difficult period. The Communist offensive at the beginning of 1951 caused UN troops to withdraw and Seoul was evacuated for the second time. But in a war such as this one Ridgway was simply not interested in ground won or lost. His aim was to inflict as many casualties as possible on the enemy and he was able to convince his men that the Chinese superiority lay only in their numbers. "All we've got to do is kill more of their guys than they do of ours. It's as simple as that. And we're going to win this war — that's for sure." It was an attitude which took the 8th Army back across the 38th parallel.

In April 1951 Ridgway replaced MacArthur as C-in-C UN Command, and in June began the negotiations which eventually led to the armistice. In these he displayed qualities which appeared to be antithetical to his character of battlefield fire-eater. As a negotiator he surprised many by his political wisdom and his far-sightedness. But in truth these qualities were merely a part of his view of the function of warlike operations as the hard-headed instrument of foreign policy goals. He was not a man to sacrifice life needlessly for aims which yielded diminishing returns.

Ridgway still had his two most responsible posts in front of him. In May 1952 he took over from Eisenhower as Supreme Allied Commander (SACEUR) in Europe. He held the post for only a year, but during this time held out resolutely for the strengthening of Nato's forces and refused to accept that nuclear weapons did away with the need for powerful conventional armies.

In July 1953 he handed over to General Gruenther, and returned to Washington to become Army chief of staff. In this, his last military post, Ridgway did not always see eye to eye either with the new doctrine of massive retaliation or with some of his military and political colleagues. But his restraining influence during the war in Indochina and the offshore island crisis made an indispensable contribution to the prevention of general war. In 1955 he retired from the Army, and from then until 1960 was chairman of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

In his book, *The Korean War*, published in the 1960s when the Vietnam war was beginning to absorb America's military energies, Ridgway made comparisons with the two conflicts and expressed reservations — later to be more widely shared in the US military — about such a squandering of resources.

Three times married, Ridgway is survived by his third wife Mary and by two daughters of his first marriage.

WILLIAM BATES

William Stanley Bates, CMG, former British Ambassador to Korea and High Commissioner to Guyana, died on July 18 aged 72. He was born on September 7, 1920.



BILL BATES had been Britain's envoy in Seoul for four years when Park Chung Hee, South Korea's long serving president, was assassinated by the head of his own central intelligence agency in October 1979.

A resolute, clear-headed diplomat with a good intellect, Bates had been well suited to the post, which required both sensitivity and diplomatic robustness. On the one hand, the country was still threatened from the North, which cast a long shadow over its affairs. On the other, it was emerging under President Park as a new economic force in the Pacific — albeit at the cost of political freedom and civil liberties.

Bates was already an experienced head of mission when he left for Seoul in 1975, following five years as British High Commissioner in Guyana. He was considered to be well equipped to look after British interests in Korea as Western industry, suddenly aware of the potential, scrambled for lucrative contracts in the country.

His tour there was so successful and so happy that he asked Whitehall if he could stay there until his retirement in 1980. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) readily agreed, which ensured that Bates's career ended with a bang — amid the student riots and political instability which followed hard upon Park's death.

After leaving the Diplomatic Service he worked as a part-time consultant for the Davey Corporation which had been involved in industrial contracts in Korea during his time there. He paid several return visits in the 1980s, while the Seoul government signified its own high opinion of him by asking him to help with their bid to host the 1988 Olympics.

Yet Bill Bates nearly ended up as a schoolmaster. He was born in Londonderry where his father worked as company secretary for a firm of boat-builders. His family later moved to Paignton, Devon, and the young Bates was educated at Christ's Hospital where he played both rugby and cricket for the school. From there he went to Corpus Christi, Cambridge, where he took a double first in history.

He served as a commando in the war, most notably in the Adriatic and in Italy, then started work as a history master at Sedbergh. He attributed his love of history to Christ's Hospital and the enthusiasm of his history teacher there.

But Bates changed his mind after a short time, deciding that school teaching was not for him. In 1948 he was accepted as an assistant principal at the Colonial Office and served in Canberra between 1956 and 1959. In the early 1960s he did a tour in the private office of R.A. Butler when "Rab" was minister at the Central African Office.

Bates later recalled how the self-questioning Butler would sometimes ring up his staff in the middle of the night to seek reassurance on some decision he had just taken. He once rather plaintively asked Bates: "If I were the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, do you think they would still consider me a failure?"

Bill Bates himself went on to become deputy high commissioner in northern Nigeria 1963-65, then head of the FCO's communications department 1967-70. He was in Guyana, 1970-75, and South Korea, 1975-80.

Bates showed in private life the same resolution he had demonstrated as a diplomat. It was said that when he tackled *The Times* crossword he did not simply play around with it. He went ahead and did it.

In later years he followed his sporting interests from an armchair. He was such a perceptive follower, however, and his powers of critical analysis were so acute that friends thought he could equally have been a sporting journalist.

Bill Bates's first marriage ended in divorce and he is survived by his second wife Susie and by a son and daughter from his first marriage.

ELMAR KLOS

Elmar Klos, Czech film director, died in Prague on July 19 aged 83. He was born in Brno on January 26, 1910.

ELMAR KLOS is almost invariably bracketed with Jan Kadar (1918-1979), as one of those two-headed creative teams which have been surprisingly frequent in Soviet Russia and elsewhere in the old Eastern bloc.

Together they made *The Shop In The High Street*, a period piece about the fate of the Jews in the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia between 1939 and 1945. It won the 1965 Oscar for the best foreign film. After 1968 the repressive Communist government labelled it "Zionist", but it became the most widely seen and admired of all the so-called New Wave Czech films.

Klos first collaborated with Kadar in 1952 on *The Hijacking*, described by even a sympathetic, liberal critic as "one of those shallow and mischievous" (and apparently politically conformist) films that callow film makers will make.

But in 1954 they made a much more satisfactory film, scripted by the playwright, Ladislav Blazek. It was called *Music From Mars*, and was about a factory dance band; its most daring element was a broad hint at the existence of something as decadent and Western as jazz.

After another film, *At The Terminal Station*, deemed harmless by the authorities because, though it included a suicide attempt, it was entirely about a private love drama, the pair made, again from a script by Blazek, their most controversial film, *The Third Wish* (1958): it was a comedy, but dared to suggest that even in a Communist state, one's private sense of ethics might conflict with what society seemed to accept.

The film was rapidly banned, Blazek was fired from his job as a scriptwriter at the Barrandov Studios, and Klos and Kadar were formally banned from film making for two years, which stretched into five before they were able to film again.

They worked together on the stage production, *Laterna Magica II*, which combined film with live action, and made some documentaries. When they returned, it was with two relatively safe subjects, a guerrilla epic, *Death Calls Itself Engelchen*, and a court room drama, *The Accused*. These paved the way for their most famous film together, *The Shop In The High Street*.

Since for a variety of reasons, some of them political rather than creative, almost all of his notable film-making was done in collaboration with Kadar, it is difficult to assess Klos's personal contribution.

It has been widely assumed that Kadar, the younger man by eight years, supplied the creative drive and Klos the technical expertise. But that is far from certain — Kadar actually began directing films alone earlier than Klos, and his American films after his departure from Czechoslovakia in 1969 do not necessarily bear out the higher estimates of his talents. Unfortunately, after 1968 Klos was never again able, for purely political reasons, to make another film of his own.

Klos had begun modestly in the film business when he was 18, and after doing a variety of odd jobs, learning about film from the ground up, he established his own studio in the Moravian town of Zlin when he was 25.

There he organised a varied but interesting programme of documentaries, educational films, cartoons, and advertisements, and by the beginning of the 1940s he was well known enough to be regarded as a leading teacher in the Prague film school, FAMU.



Paula Pritchett as Anada in a scene from *Adrift*, an American-Czech co-production and Elmar Klos's last film with Jan Kadar

After the war he took up a new career as a screen-writer — his biggest solo success being a psychological drama called *Dead Among The Living* in 1947 — and by an historical accident became the cinematic contemporary of a generation of film makers, like Kadar, notably younger than himself.

Unfortunately *The Shop In The High Street* marked in effect the end of Klos's cinema career. His last film with Qadar, *Adrift*, was an American-Czech co-production which was actually being made when the Russians invaded after the Prague spring of 1968.

It was interrupted for six months, and finally completed in Hollywood and released in 1971, by Kadar alone, who got the sole directorial credit.

Klos, back in Czechoslovakia, had meanwhile become a cinematic non-person. He was banned from working in any way in the cinema, and spent the years between 1972 and 1989 working for a construction company. Only with the Velvet Revolution was he allowed back again to teach at FAMU, and write film criticism and theoretical essays.

It is a confusing, fragmentary, and finally shattered career, almost impossible to view independently of its context. But at least it has left one extraordinary film, *The Shop In The High Street*, to compensate for an overwhelming sense of needless waste.

FATHER GEORGE GOLDING

George Golding, OBE, Father Superior of the Oxford Mission in Bangladesh, died at the Mission House in Barisal on July 7 aged 82. He was born on February 9, 1911.

GEORGE GOLDING was ordained at Canterbury Cathedral in 1939. After two years as a curate in Croydon he joined the Brotherhood of the Epiphany, a celibate Anglican order which runs what was then known as the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, now the Oxford Mission to India and Bangladesh.

Arriving in Calcutta in 1942, he initially divided his time between the mission houses in Calcutta and Behala in India, and later transferred to Barisal in Bangladesh (then East Pakistan), becoming Superior in Bangladesh in 1970 and Warden of the Sisterhood of the Epiphany there.

Golding had a full timetable, being responsible for the running of all the Oxford Mission's varied interests at Barisal. There was a primary and a secondary school, boys' and girls' hostels, a medical centre and an orphanage. A home for less academic village girls provided rudimentary education along the lines of sewing and cooking. The schools took Muslim and Hindu pupils as well as Christian.

The first indigenous community — the Christa Sevika Sangha or Hand Maids of Christ — was formed in Jobarpar under the aegis of the Oxford Mission in 1971.

In May 1992 Golding celebrated fifty years as a missionary, an anniversary which was turned into a general festival of thanksgiving for the work of the Oxford Mission by the Bishop of Dhaka. On the same day the British High Commissioner invested Golding with the OBE.

His faith was of the strong and unquestioning variety. When asked why he decided to embark on a missionary career, he replied: "I came because He called me here". But in his contributions to the Mission's quarterly paper, he was frank about the problems facing missionaries during difficult times on the subcontinent.

Golding was no distant priestly figure. He was much loved and respected by the local community, and took a personal interest in all his charges.

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MALVERN, JULY 26

There is no return at this year's Malvern Festival to the old severities. Two Shavian plays, three medieval revivals (one of them but recently unearthed), and a Sheridan furnish the morning lecturers with ample material and make the excursion to Malvern well worth while for students; but on the whole the week offers more of entertainment than instruction, and there is every indication that it will add still further to the popularity of the most sociable of dramatic festivals.

If it could not open with Mr. Shaw's latest work (*Geneva* is still on the stocks) some play of his that few had seen before was clearly the next best thing. The *Millionairess* still awaits performance in London, and the piece was new to most of tonight's audience.

Men and women who have been born without principles, but with the power to dominate the rest of their fellow creatures, partly fascinate and partly horrify Mr. Shaw. Such a woman is Epifania, the heroine of the new farce. She has inherited millions and, having no specific interest in power, uses them to become an arrogant threat to the peace of every one. Deprive this deplorable woman of her millions and would she not lose the power to make a nuisance of herself? No, she would at once make more millions.

Mr. Shaw places Epifania in situations which would humiliate and confound women of more ordinary clay. Her husband loves another woman, and Epifania should not know what to do about it. But she threatens to commit suicide, and hopes to ruin the scoundrel by the typical Shavian device of leaving him her money on condition that he marries the other woman. Disappointed with her husband's successor, she disables him with a straight right to the solar plexus and kicks him downstairs. The suitable husband when at last he appears, is protected from her, not only by his wish not to marry her, but by his mother's thoughtful provision that the woman he marries must have lived on 200 piastres for six months. Epifania, submitting to the test, reorganizes a sweated labour den, and turns a failing publichouse into a prosperous hotel, thus compelling the Egyptian doctor to marry her and reconciling him to defeat by the beauty of her superbly rhythmic pulse.

The audience need not bother much about the political implications of the cartoon. Their attention is taken up by the old Shavian tricks *Epifania* plays upon other characters. The varnish upon these tricks is no longer "unbearably brilliant"; indeed, so thin is it sometimes that the tricks seem rather slow in their working; but the audience tonight showed no signs of noticing that, and were well pleased with their entertainment.

ON THIS DAY

July 27 1937

NEWS

Absent Allason to lose party whip

■ The only Tory MP who failed to back the prime minister in the Maastricht confidence debate is expected to learn today that he is losing the party whip. Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay, will be told of his fate at a meeting with a senior whip.

Mr Allason returned to Westminster after his "disappearance" saying that he had apologised to the prime minister and "as far as I am concerned, that is the end of the matter" **Page 1**

Government rejects legal challenge

■ The government denounced Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge to the Maastricht treaty in the High Court as based on "fundamental constitutional misconceptions" amounting to an attack on Parliament. Sydney Kentridge, QC, for the foreign secretary, suggested that "sometimes judicial review may be the continuation of politics by other means" ..... **Pages 1, 7**

Currency shock

Speaking after an Anglo-French summit in London, President Mitterrand predicted that the European Community would have a single currency within a few years ..... **Page 1**

Parents warned

Police issued a warning to parents to keep a close watch on their children as they launched a hunt for the killer of Akhlaq Ahmed Razzaq, a nine-year-old boy, whose body was discovered in a park at Slough ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Hope and anger

A draft of South Africa's first post-apartheid constitution was unveiled amid an outpouring of white anger over the church massacre in which 11 people, mostly white, were killed ..... **Page 10**

UN called in

Lebanon asked for a meeting of the United Nations Security Council as Israeli planes, gunboats and howitzers attacked guerrilla bases ..... **Pages 1, 13**

Lawyers criticised

Accountants and lawyers tracing the missing Maxwell pension funds were sharply criticised by the social security select committee for spending too much in recovering the millions ..... **Page 2**

U-boat plea

German embassy officials appealed to souvenir hunters not to desecrate a war grave after a first world war U-boat was located in the North Sea ..... **Page 5**

Prescription curbs

Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, is still considering a number of proposals to curb the NHS drugs bill, including schemes to limit prescription exemptions to the poor ..... **Page 9**

Chasing status

The most coveted status symbol in status-obsessed Washington is to be asked to join the president on his morning four-mile run ..... **Page 10**

Bosnia talks

The Bosnian partition talks look set to resume today with the arrival in Geneva of President Izetbegovic, who had twice delayed leaving Sarajevo because of one of the fiercest Serb offensives and bombardments in recent weeks ..... **Page 11**

Turkish request

The Turkish government asked that a United Nations peacekeeping force be sent to Azerbaijan to check what it calls aggression by Armenia ..... **Page 12**

Rouble trouble

Confusion over Russia's currency reform deepened as President Yeltsin watered down the central bank's weekend order for the withdrawal of pre-1993 notes from circulation but failed to condemn it explicitly ..... **Page 12**

Iraq delay

United Nations experts said they had to clear technical points with Iraq before installing cameras at missile test sites ..... **Page 13**

Son is getting at me, says McVicar

■ John McVicar, the former criminal who gave up robbery for writing, told BBC Radio Four that his son was getting back at him for being in prison throughout his childhood. Russell Grant, 28, who is facing charges of armed robbery, abduction and under-age sex, is still on the run after escaping from custody twice this month ..... **Page 3**



Raging river: the Mississippi swamps Illinois farmland after breaking through a levee. Helicopters evacuated residents

ERM on the precipice: As volatile trading resumed in currency markets, the Bundesbank was considering whether regional inflation figures left room for a cut in interest rates ..... **Page 21**

Hong Kong deal: News Corporation, headed by Rupert Murdoch, has acquired a controlling stake in Hong Kong-based Star TV, which claims a potential audience of 45 million viewers ..... **Page 21**

Markets: Sterling benefited from continued ERM uncertainty, rising 1.23 pfennigs to DM2.5885, while making gains to close at $1.5010, up .38 cents. Shares made progress with the FT-SE 100 closing up 16.5 at 2,844.2 ..... **Page 24**

Womens' cricket: England's women did something that the men have failed to do by beating Australia in a World Cup match at Guildford. A 139-ball century by Carole Hodges carried England to 208 for five from 60 overs. Australia were all out for 165 ..... **Pages 1, 38**

Racing: Playing music to help horses to become accustomed to noise is just one idea adopted by trainer Toby Balding as he prepares for the Goodwood meeting which starts today ..... **Page 37**

Football: Brazil lost a World Cup qualifying match for the first time when they were beaten 2-0 by Bolivia and are now in fourth place in their group ..... **Page 36**

Freedom and censorship: For a country fond of lecturing others about the First Amendment, the latest list of books banned by smalltown America's libraries smacks of hypocrisy. Kate Muir on book burning ..... **Page 14**

Unusual drug: "One of the most encouraging innovations in the treatment of breast cancer has been the availability of tamoxifen," says Dr Thomas Stuttaford ..... **Page 15**

Gravy train: The collapse of BCCI, is producing harsh criticism of lawyers. David Conn on complaints that the legal profession profits excessively from insolvency ..... **Page 31**

Hollywood turkeys: Why does Hollywood make them? Films like *Raise the Titanic* are destined to fail but the trade press is filled with adverts for films which no sane person would rush to see ..... **Page 33**

Opera in the stalls: A new opera house is about to emerge as part of the redevelopment of Spitalfields Market in east London. The 540-seat auditorium will provide a home for chamber opera ..... **Page 33**

A moving experience: Promenade productions are not without risks but they can bring epics to life in the theatre. The Royal Shakespeare Company is preparing to present *Julius Caesar* with the audience taking part ..... **Page 35**



Lady Foster, the wife of the architect, and her daughter were publicly humiliated by customs officers at Heathrow, the High Court was told **Page 5**



Graham Gooch resigned as captain after England's cricketers lost the fourth Test — and the Ashes. He is still available as a player **Pages 1, 40**



Lavinia Sargeant is one of four school-leavers whose fortunes will be followed by The Times as they embark on adult life **Page 6**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Escaping present difficulties

■ Disenchanted with the politicians and looking for an inexpensive property, good weather and peaceful countryside? Why thousands of Britons are moving to France

The future for BBC governors

■ What should be the job of BBC governors? Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, spells out their newly-defined role

Preserving a Georgian past

■ To build or not to build? That is the problem facing those who want to preserve the splendour of Bath

A comedian in Blackpool jokes about the sewage in the sea but it is no laughing matter. *Nature* (BBC2, 8pm) offers league tables of Britain's dirtiest and cleanest beaches ..... **Page 39**

Fair wind from France

London and Paris are exploring the potential for a more richly textured and realistic relationship, solid enough to allow for the frank discussion of disagreements .. **Page 17**

Legitimate issues

The "bastards" tape, however much its existence is deplored, must inevitably be of concern to Tory supporters. Its text deserves examining with care alongside other statements made on that same eventful day ..... **Page 17**

Learning curve

Parents should not underestimate the potential impact of the new education bill. It will change the organisation of the nation's schools fundamentally ..... **Page 17**

WOODROW WYATT

Last Thursday evening the prime minister seemed done-for. Then came not surrender but the surprise counter-attack of a bold leader ..... **Page 16**

BERNARD LEVIN

If I were less cynically knowledgeable about the politicians' attitude to us, I would be angry; indeed, I would be in such a rage that the idea of assassination might begin to beckon ..... **Page 16**

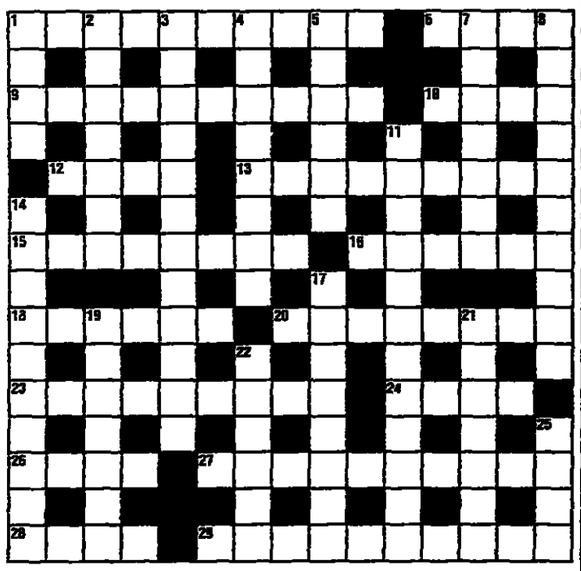
Is homosexuality, even if genetically caused, an abomination? And could it eventually be banished by genetic engineering? ..... **Page 17**

As a matter of leadership and security, the United States must engage itself on the ground in Bosnia
— USA Today

Now is the time to help negotiate a peaceful transition of power in Cuba and to ensure reconciliation within the Cuban communities here in the States and Cuba
— Los Angeles Times

According to a new book, Norman Schwarzkopf, was a egomaniacal bully who had subordinate officers queue on his behalf for the lavatories and iron his tunic. The meek may still inherit the earth but, not yet
— Evening Standard

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ACROSS

1 Loudly lay into a lad, a worker, being rather flash? (10).
6 Left very short (4).
9 Black eye almost confines one with a bit of a headache (10).
10 Commission a bit of adagio dancing (4).
12,13 Result of having too much tipple shaken, not (at first) stirred? (4,9).
15 They may be warming up for the audition (3-5).
16 A picture of the children in colour (6).
18 Charged a transport system for special clothing (6).
20 Leo, perhaps, gets the job of director? (8).
23 Possible translation of Latin poet? (9).
24 Losing a French accent that's charming? (4).

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E D EMENTINE

26 25's beginning to irritate the church (4).
27 With new generation gap, a nation is like part of America (10).
28 Articles about a nurse (4).
29 It's bright and shining, so I'm up to try the air (10).

DOWN

1 Some smoking makes one seethe (4).
2 A king involved in a check-up is getting more ill-tempered (7).
3 British shortfall reported in producing fruit (12).
4 Make American alter any price raised in Kentucky (5).
5 Form of tenure giving no indication of sex (6).
7 Need for speedy action in expedition (7).
8 South hadn't moved the slightest bit (10).
11 Commuters' leader sprinting over bridge to the station (7,5).
14 Author has a dig over Northern type of speech (4-6).
17 One needs a way to follow up an account of the ball (8).
19 Experienced doctor's near solution (7).
21 A fuller description of some figures (7).
22 Dairy's early closure after half its product's gone off, getting high (3-3).
25 Not reported for a bit of speeding? (4).

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Berlin	19	66	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N York*	30	86	f
Biarritz	19	66	f	Nice	23	73	s
Border'a	21	70	f	Oslo	14	57	r
Brussels	16	61	r	Paris	19	66	f
Budapest	19	66	r	Peking	28	82	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cape Tn	15	59	f	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago*	28	82	s	Reykjavik	14	57	s
Chr'church	11	52	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	19	66	s	Rio de J	21	70	f
C'phagn	13	55	r	Riyadh	43	109	f
Corfu	29	84	s	Rome	27	81	f
Dublin	16	61	c	Salzburg	16	61	r
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	S Franc'o*	21	70	s
Faro	29	84	s	Santiago*	9	48	f
Florence	27	81	f	S Paulo*	13	55	c
Frankfurt	19	66	f	Seoul	25	77	s
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	21	70	f	Stckholm	18	64	f
Gibraltar	26	79	c	Straslb'g	20	68	f
Helsinki	18	64	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	31	88	s	Tangier	25	77	f
Innsbruck	19	66	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tokyo	28	79	s
Jo'burg*	14	57	f	Toronto*	26	79	f
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	35	95	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	27	81	f
La Toust	17	63	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	18	64	f
L Angels*	21	70	c	Warsaw	21	70	f
Luxembg	16	61	c	Wash'ton*	31	88	f
Luxor	38	97	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	r
Madrid	30	86	s	Zurich	19	66	f

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.1	0.09	16	61	shower
Anglesey	6.1	0.03	18	64	shower
Aviemore	0.9	0.03	16	61	rain
Belfast	5.2	0.18	15	59	shower
Birmingham	7.0	0.21	17	63	shower
Bournemouth	11.3	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	10.2	0.01	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	11.6	0.02	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	4.8	0.02	17	63	bright
Cromer	6.7	0.16			x thunder
Eastbourne	10.9	0.01	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	9.2	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	12.5	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	12.3	0.06	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	3.2	0.06	15	59	shower
Hastings	9.9	-	18	64	sunny
Hunstanton	6.7	0.20	17	63	thunder
Isle of Man	3.5	0.20	17	63	shower
Jersey	10.2	0.01	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Lerwick	8.6	-	15	59	sunny
Liverpool	6.5	0.40	18	61	shower
Llandon	7.8	0.01	20	68	sunny
Manchester	6.8	0.45	16	61	shower
Margate	9.8	0.02	21	70	sunny
Minehead	X	0.16	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	5.9	0.09	17	63	sunny
Newquay	12.5	0.07	17	63	sunny
Penzance	11.8	0.16	18	64	sunny
Plymouth	11.5	0.01	17	63	shower
Poole	9.9	0.02	21	70	sunny
Selcombe	12.9	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	9.5	0.16	16	61	shower
Scilly Isles	11.8	0.05	17	63	sunny
Southend	10.0	0.17	19	66	sunny
Stornoway	1.8	0.17	13	55	shower
Telegramath	12.4	-	19	66	sunny
Torbay	11.1	-	17	63	sunny
Tiree	4.1	0.12	14	57	shower
Torquay	14.1	0.01	20	68	sunny
Worthing	10.6	0.18	19	66	shower

These are Sunday's figures

London 9.27 pm to 4.47 am
Bristol 9.36 pm to 4.57 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.38 am
Manchester 9.44 pm to 4.46 am
Penzance 9.43 pm to 5.14 am

Sun rises: 5.17 am
Sun sets: 8.57 pm
Moon sets 9.54 pm
Moon rises —
Full moon August 2

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	f	Guernsey	15	59	f
B'mingham	16	61	f	Inverness	13	55	r
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	16	61	f	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chester	14	57	r
Edinburgh	16	61	f	Newcastle	16	61	f
Glasgow	15	59	s	R'nldsway	15	59	c

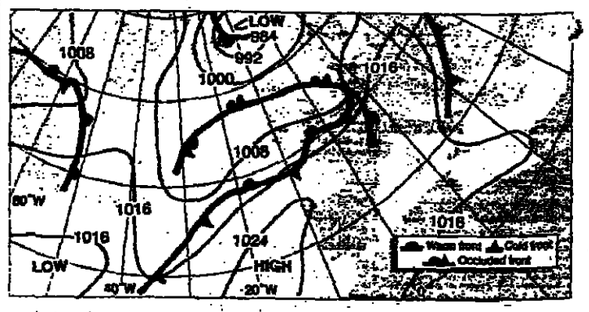




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	AM	HT	PM	HT
TODAY				
London Bridge	8.30	6.4	8.51	6.4
Aberdeen	8.16	3.8	8.59	3.5
Avonmouth	1.28	11.4	2.00	10.8
Belfast	8.52	3.3	8.36	3.0
Cardiff	1.13	10.6	1.45	10.1
Devonport	11.48	4.6		
Dover	5.40	5.8	6.09	5.9
Falmouth			12.16	4.4
Glasgow	7.08	4.7	7.57	4.3
Harwich	6.26	3.6	6.47	3.6
Holyhead	8.00	4.9	8.45	4.7
Hull	12.43	6.5	1.04	6.6
Ilfracombe	12.16	8.0	12.50	7.6
King's Lynn	1.02	5.5	1.19	5.7
Leith	9.42	4.9	10.14	4.7

	AM	HT	PM	HT
TODAY				
Liverpool	5.48	8.3	6.27	7.9
Lowestoft	4.22	2.1	4.28	2.3
Margate	6.37	4.3	6.58	4.4
Milford Haven	12.36	6.0	1.11	5.7
Newquay			12.11	5.8
Oban			12.01	3.0
Penzance			12.07	4.6
Portland			12.28	1.6
Portsmouth	4.57	4.2	5.34	4.2
Shoreham	5.45	5.2	6.20	5.3
Southampton	5.42	4.0	6.20	4.1
Swansea	12.40	8.2	1.12	7.9
Tees	10.42	4.7	11.24	4.5
Wilton-on-Nze	6.23	3.8	6.44	3.8

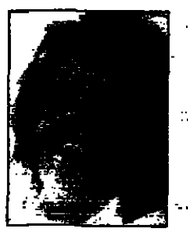


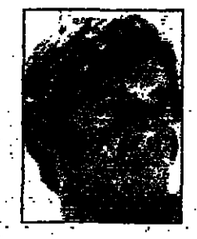
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THE POUND

US $	1.5010 (+0.0038)
German mark	2.5885 (+0.0123)
Exchange index	82.0 (+0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2844.2 (+16.5)
Dow Jones	3558.20 (+11.46)*
Nikkei Avge	19822.08 (+87.51)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅛-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.08-3.07%*
Long Bond	6.71%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5021*	£:$	1.5005
$:DM	1.7244*	£:DM	2.5877
$:SWfr	1.5210*	£:SWfr	2.2808
$:Fr	5.8888*	£:Fr	8.8380
$:Yen	108.84*	£:Yen	160.27
£:SDR	1.0779	£:ECU	1.3312

London Forex market close

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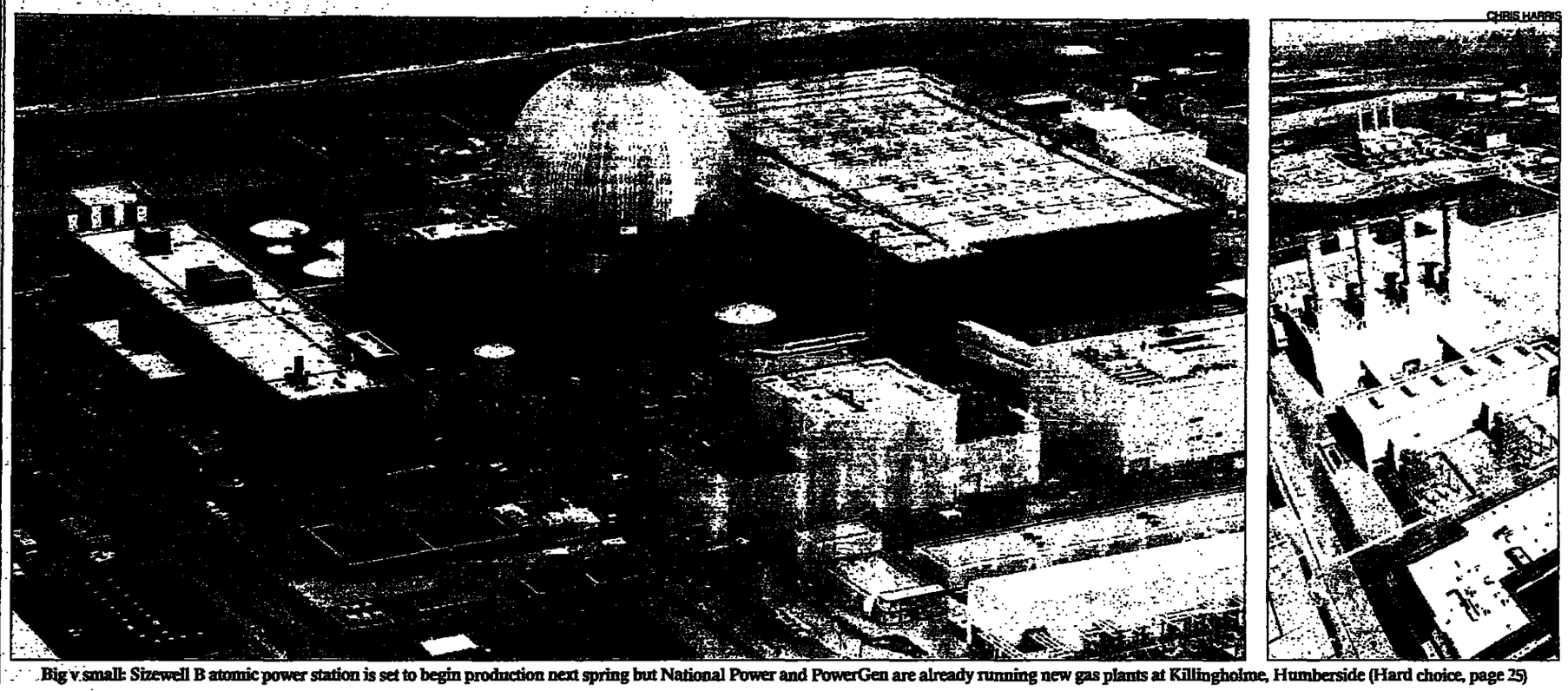
London Fixing ($):	
AM 389.75	PM 391.75
Close	382.60-383.30
New York:	
Comex	393.05-389.55*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.0 June (1.2%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Clash between nuclear and gas: a struggle for power



CHRIS HARRIS

Big v small: Sizewell B atomic power station is set to begin production next spring but National Power and PowerGen are already running new gas plants at Killingholme, Humberside (Hard choice, page 25)

Pound gains as ERM fate hangs in balance

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ The Bundesbank is likely to cut official interest rates later this week to bail out the ERM, even after worrying German inflation figures were produced yesterday

THE fate of the exchange-rate mechanism was left in the balance yesterday by a set of German inflation figures that the Bundesbank will not like, but which are probably not bad enough to stop the central bank cutting official rates this week to bail out the currency system.

Conditions in the currency markets remained highly nervous and Belgium and Portugal were forced to raise rates to deter speculation against their currencies. But there was nothing like the selling pressure against currencies in the system seen last Thursday and Friday and the franc traded a little above the lows of last week. Sterling did well out of ERM woes, rising to 82.0 on its trade weighted index from 81.8 at the opening and 81.7 at Friday's close.

Edouard Balladur, France's prime minister, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, both called for ERM stability, but their remarks were of little relevance to currency dealers, who are interested only in the Bundesbank.

Rising share prices in Europe, notably in France and Germany, suggested that the financial markets now believe that the German central bank has little political choice but to cut rates and give the ERM a fighting chance through the Bundesbank's summer recess.

The main focus of attention was German inflation reports. Three regions published cost of living estimates which this week will be drawn together into a single pan-German July inflation figure. This is expected to show annual inflation of 4.3 per cent, up from 4.2 per cent in June.

Alison Cottrell, senior international economist at Midland Global Markets, said: "These inflation figures were all right — anything worse would have blown the ERM sky high." She noted that the underlying trends were not too bad.

The markets are waiting to see if the Bundesbank shaves any more off its repurchase rate, which was lowered last week from 7.28 per cent to 7.15 per cent. Money market dealers believe it could be cut to 7 per cent this week.

The next, and most important, focus will be Thursday's council meeting. Ms Cottrell believes the Bundesbank could cut ¾ of a point off the Lombard rate and a full point off the discount rate in view of ERM pressures.

The franc closed at the bottom of the ERM grid but the Danish krone, Spanish peseta, Portuguese escudo and Belgian franc were also under pressure. Belgium raised interest rates and intervened, enabling its currency to lift off three-year lows.

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News Corp takes control of HK satellite group

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE News Corporation has acquired a majority stake in Star Television, the Hong Kong-based satellite broadcaster which commands a potential audience of 45 million viewers across 38 Asian countries.

News Corp and its associated companies have paid Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong property tycoon, and Hutchison Whampoa, his publicly quoted telecommunications company, US$525 million for a 63.6 per cent holding in HutchVision, the parent company and supplier of programmes to the Star Television network.

The purchase price, half to be paid in cash and half in News Corp ordinary shares, values HutchVision at US$825 million. The cash payment will be financed by an issue of convertible preference shares.

News Corp is the parent company of News International, which owns *The Times*.

Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp, said last night, from his yacht off Corsica, that he concluded the negotiations personally with Richard Li last Thursday.

"This deal completes the picture for News Corporation. It gives us worldwide distribution for television production, which nobody else has. It is a logical extension," he said.

Mr Murdoch said that Star was well placed to increase the number of channels it offers. "Star has US$100 million in the bank," he said. Star intends to introduce some pay-channels within the next year, Mr Murdoch added.

News Corp will be banking on the massive potential revenue flow from Star. The broadcaster is widely considered to be the Orient's most dynamic operator.

Its satellite footprint stretches across 38 countries, from Turkey to Japan, via India. It reaches an estimated 13 million households in an area where the potential audience is growing by 20,000 a day.

The opening up of China and the emergence of a booming middle class in India is creating a new market for Western consumer goods and advertising, reaching up to a third of the world's population.

Dish ownership in the region is rising at a rate of about 160 per cent a year, and satellite television has the additional advantage of helping advertisers get around domestic bans for promoted import-

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The curious silence of Chancellor Clarke



ANTHONY HARRIS

Kenneth Clarke, the supposed heir-apparent and best hope of the Conservative party, continues to give his curious performance as the Unknown Chancellor. After an initial period of silent study, he gave an interview promising a destabilising policy: he would deflate the economy if it was weak, but not if it was strong. This has been widely denounced, even by his natural allies, as ignorant nonsense. Another dose of silence followed. Since then he has popped up from time to time to "hail" misleading economic statistics — the headline writer's equivalent of the loud laugh that bespeaks the empty mind.

He has given unrevealing evidence to the House of Commons Treasury committee; but in the real world, he has done nothing at all. He could have revealed himself at Christchurch, where a potential leader might have been expected to come to the aid of his party; but learning, perhaps, from Mr Lamont's experience, he has stayed away in droves. He has spoken with two voices about the collapsing ERM. He tells home listeners that Britain will not rejoin in the foreseeable future; but just as our partners are learning to envy our freedom, he assures his fellow EC finance ministers that rejoining is his dearest wish. Will the real Mr Clarke please stand up?

Only with reluctance, by the look of it. The man who in his previous posts was known for banging heads and taking rash initiatives seems to be a convert to masterly inactivity. All the same, we will know a little more about him by the end of this week, even if he does and says nothing. On Thursday, the government will be humiliated again in a by-election, and the Bundesbank council will make its decision on interest rates; those in the know expect a fairly bold cut. Sterling, which is already within a hair of DM 2.60, could soon be in industrially damaging regions again. It would then be decision time.

Up to now, there have been three plausible reasons for sticking on interest rates: uncertainty about Europe, the desire for respectability, or by-election politics. The Bundesbank is in a real dilemma, according to its own lights, with tension in the council between the stern Dr Schlesinger and his more European-minded designated successor, Dr Tietmeyer. The short-term outcome has been unpredictable, but will be known this week. Britain's Chancellor has already shown that he will not let the Bundesbank run his policy, but to disregard it again could look more like obstinacy than independence.

Meanwhile, Mr Clarke has had political problems. He may have been afraid of being accused of buying votes with a rate cut ahead of the Christchurch poll. Or he may have been aware that in a constituency with more than its share of the retired, a rate cut could lose votes; it has taken ministers a long time to wake up to the fact that the interest rate is not simply a cost, but also the denominator of an income stream.

Their mail bags have been educational. Either way, there will be no domestic political reason for delaying a decision on rates after this week. Since the June statistics are unlikely to merit more hailing, as the May distortions unwind, a cut, though late in the day, could still look prescient.

The arguments for a cut are the same as ever, only stronger. Inflation is still subdued, and probably falling. The recovery may be clear, but remains weak and patchy. Real borrowing costs in industry are still punitively high. The Chancellor must be hearing all this from his friends in the Midlands, provided he still listens to them. The rise of sterling and the monetary ebb-tide on the Continent simply add a little urgency to an already solid case. If he cut in such circumstances, a few fogies might accuse him of being trendy; after so long a silence, not even they could call him rash.

Don't count on it, though. The likeliest reason for the low Clarke profile is not caution or statesmanship, but an uncharacteristic modesty. He seems to be finding economic policy a hard study; and while he learns, he speaks the lines written by the advisers who got us into this mess. In a few days we may know whether he is now his own man, still learning in silence, or by now a willing captive, vocally defending his inactivity.

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VW told to go 'on the offensive'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

GERHARD Schröder, prime minister of the German state of Lower Saxony, has urged Ferdinand Piëch, the Volkswagen (VW) management board chairman, to "go on the offensive" in the battle with General Motors (GM) over allegations that VW executives engaged in industrial espionage against the American carmaker.

His recommendations came after VW, Europe's biggest carmaker, last week appeared to offer only half-hearted support for senior executives accused of taking GM's plans for a new compact car.

A spokesman for Lower Saxony, which is VW's largest single shareholder, with a 20 per cent stake, said that Herr Schröder had made clear his support for the current VW leadership at a brief meeting with Herr Piëch in Hannover, after a week of damaging announcements by the state prosector's office in Hessen concerning GM documents found in the flat of a VW manager.

The Lower Saxony state is most concerned about VW remaining competitive in the world market.

Taiwan-BAe deal edges nearer

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TAIWAN Aerospace Corporation, headed by Denny Ko, is believed to be making progress in its efforts to meet the Friday deadline on plans to create a £250 million joint venture with British Aerospace for the manufacture of regional jetliners.

Completion of the deal, involving establishing an assembly line for BAe's regional jet family in Taiwan, has been postponed twice because of fund-raising difficulties.

Taiwan banks are understood to have been reluctant to put up the £306 million needed to finance leased sales. However, the Taiwan government, which is keen to develop civil aircraft manufacture, is understood to have brought considerable pressure to bear in support of the project.

The joint venture deal, to be called Avro, and the promise of improved access to Asian markets are regarded as crucial to the risk-spreading strategy of BAe, of which John Cahill is chairman.

Airbus Industrie, in which BAe, as the wing manufacturer, is a leading partner, yesterday offered to rewrite payment schedules in an effort to rescue a planned US$700 million aircraft sale to Sri Lanka. The contract, starting with five planes, is designed to enable Air Lanka, the national carrier, to open up new destinations in Europe, the subcontinent and South-East Asia to become a strong regional carrier. The long-haul A340s and medium-distance A320s would also help replace Air Lanka's ageing fleet of McDonnell Douglas Tristars.

Suspension of the contract was ordered at the weekend by President Wijetunge of Sri Lanka after World Bank fears that the country's balance of payments might not be able to sustain the outflow of foreign exchange needed to pay for the aircraft. Opposition parties have also remained hostile to the sale, arguing that the money could be better spent on domestic projects.

Airbus needs to make strong progress in Asia if it is to maintain the inroads made during the past decade into the jetliner market that previously has been dominated by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas of the United States.

A study by Airbus, the European civil aircraft partnership between French, German, British and Spanish companies, has concluded that China alone is likely to buy 620 medium and long-haul airliners worth $44 billion over the next two decades.

Of those, 480 aircraft would be needed to meet new demand for air travel and a further 140 to replace ageing aircraft in existing fleets.

Airbus has scored some successes, although the market remains dominated by its American rivals. A report from Shanghai says the China Eastern airline is to take delivery of five A340 aircraft from Airbus in 1995.

Boeing says that by 1996 it will have delivered 225 of its jetliners to China for a total of $9 billion, and this year alone will deliver 47 aircraft.

However, Jiang Zhuping, head of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, said this month that China would suspend approval for new airlines and slow the purchase and leasing of new planes because of fears over safety.



Pressing ahead: Denny Ko, left, president of Taiwan Aerospace, with John Cahill, chairman of BAe

Bond issues by Anglian and Coats

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ANGLIAN Water and Coats Viyella announced bond issues yesterday, and within hours of the initial announcements, both groups increased the issue sizes.

Anglian had announced a £60 million 6.5 per cent bond, 1998, at an issue price of £111 per cent. But after strong demand, the size was increased to £65 million at £111.5 per cent, which will raise £72.48 million. The warrant exercise price is 495p, representing a premium of 5.1 per cent at the time of pricing. Anglian shares traded at 471p, down 2p.

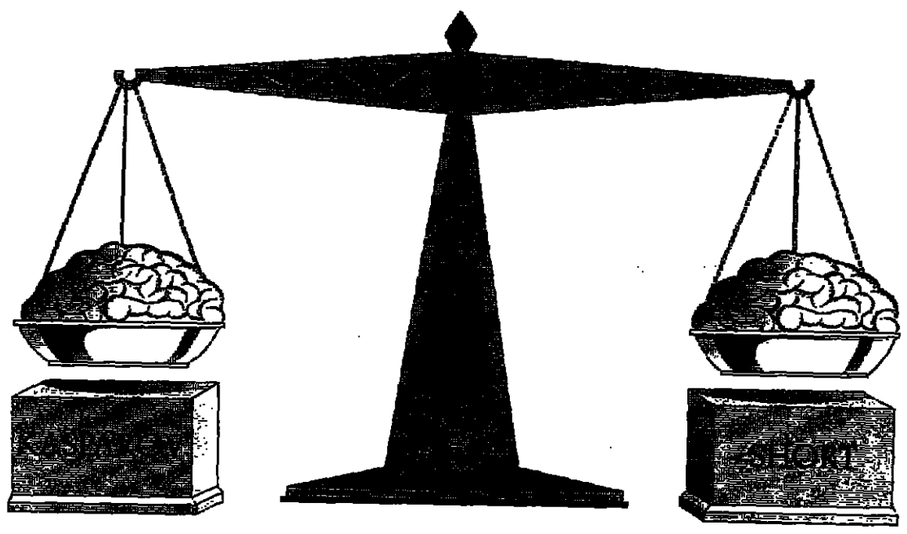
The money will be used to refinance February's purchase for £36 million of the Nordic Water group, and for general corporate funding purposes.

Coats initially planned a £70 million issue of senior convertible bonds, 2003, at £100 per cent. The size was then increased to £75.6 million, at an interest rate of 6.25 per cent, payable semi-annually. The conversion price is 275p, representing a 19.05 per cent premium at the time of placing.

Coats shares traded at 231p, down 2p, yesterday.

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Brent Walker confirms William Hill approach

BRENT Walker Group, the debt-burdened leisure combine, has formally confirmed that it has received an approach from a consortium led by SG Warburg, the merchant bank, to buy its William Hill betting-shop subsidiary, the second largest in the British market.

William Hill must repay £350 million of loans by March 1 next year. The Warburg approach, on behalf of a number of institutional investors, is likely to offer in the region of £360 million, but Brent Walker's advisers are thought to have said it undervalues the business. Both Brent Walker and William Hill are now considering "a number of alternative proposals", a statement to the London Stock Exchange said, and are being advised by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank. One option being considered is to float some or all of the business. William Hill has its own syndicate of banks who may merely reschedule the debt beyond next March. Sir Keith Bright, the Brent Walker chairman, will have the chance to give shareholders more details at the company's annual meeting tomorrow.

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EC production falls

EUROPEAN Community industrial production fell 5.6 per cent in April and 4.2 per cent in March, compared with a year earlier, heavily influenced by German figures, the EC statistics office said. Capital goods represented most of the decline, with output falling 7.7 per cent and 6.3 per cent, respectively in April and March. Seasonally adjusted EC industrial production fell 0.4 per cent during the period February-April from the previous three months. That compares with a rise of 0.9 per cent in America.

Shares spell IBM woe

SHARES of International Business Machines (IBM) slumped yesterday to $41.875, near a 20-year low. Wall Street expects the world's largest computer maker to announce big operating losses, a dividend cut and up to $4 billion of special restructuring charges when second quarter results are unveiled today. Analysts say the dividend could be cut by more than half to $1. Losses are expected to be $200 million before tax, interest and special costs. Job losses are likely to climb from 25,000 to 75,000.

Specialeyes looks up

HALF-TIME losses have been reduced at Specialeyes, the opticians chain that raised £1.5 million via a placing and open offer of convertible loan stock in May. The group has revealed that in 24 weeks to May 15 it made losses before tax of £333,000 against losses of £696,000 in the 28 weeks to May 30 last year. Directors said that almost all the latest losses were made in the first quarter. There is no interim dividend. James Power, chairman, said like-for-like sales so far this year are up 10 per cent.

Orders boost Capita



A SHARP influx of orders at Capita Group, the largest provider of management services to public bodies in Britain, should stack up profits in the second half after an advance in taxable earnings from £1.77 million to £2.04 million in the six months to end-June, according to Rod Aldridge, right, the chairman and chief executive. Capita is paying an interim dividend of 0.85p, compared with 0.7p. The group is forecasting a total annual payment 21 per cent higher at 2.55p.

Printer axes 90 jobs

FERRY Pickering, the printing and packaging group, is axing some 90 jobs with the closure of its Scottish manufacturing operation. The £2.6 million closure costs will depress pre-tax profits. The company, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, made £670,000 profits in the year to August 31. It has now switched to reporting on a calendar-year basis. Results for the six months to June 30 will be announced on August 31. Ferry Pickering hopes to maintain its interim dividend at 2.1p per share.

Sharp fall for CRT

THE shares of CRT, the consultancy, recruitment and training group, dropped 8p to 92p after it unveiled a sharp fall in taxable profits to £3.3 million, compared with £6.2 million. Earnings per share were down to 4.2p from 8.3p in the year to end-April. A final dividend of 2.15p makes a total of 2.8p, compared with 2.4p. John Robinson, the chairman of CRT, said that the priority in the past year had been organic restructuring, and henceforth more time could be devoted to "strategic issues".

Reuters share plan will distribute £350m to investors

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

■ Reuters Holdings, with about £700 million in the bank, concludes that shareholders will be better served through a cash distribution rather than expansion

REUTERS Holdings, effectively scooped on its own news story that had been planned for release today, with the announcement of 1993 interim results, is distributing £350 million to shareholders by means of a share repurchase of up to 25 million of its ordinary shares at £14 each.

Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said Reuters, whose cash balances last December stood at about £700 million, would still hold healthy net cash balances in spite of the £350 million outflow, and that the £350 million distribution did not infer that Reuters had run out of expansion ideas. "We have been highly cash generative during the 1990s, and have concluded that £350 million is surplus to immediate requirements and should be returned to shareholders by means of a share repurchase," he said.

Reuters shares rose 46p to £14.50. The repurchase scheme, on which Reuters has been working "for some time", and which is subject to shareholder approval, differs from a straight special dividend distribution in that shareholders have a choice either to realise cash for up to 5.84 per cent of their holding or to increase their percentage stake in the group.

Shareholders may also tender shares in excess of their entitled amounts. "It is the duty of the board to invest in its resources, and not to act like a bank," Sir Christopher said.

Reuters believes the plan is novel in that it is being offered on both sides of the Atlantic. An estimated 35 per cent of Reuters' equity is held by American investors.

In addition to £14 a share, shareholders will receive the interim dividend (to be declared today) plus tax credits or refunds "in relation to a substantial proportion of the purchase price".

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The structure of the repurchase programme should have particular appeal to British gross funds, many of which are Reuters' shareholders and which stand to benefit from the tax credits.

The technicalities of the repurchase plan should enchance net earnings a share — which will be of benefit to all shareholders, Sir Christopher said.

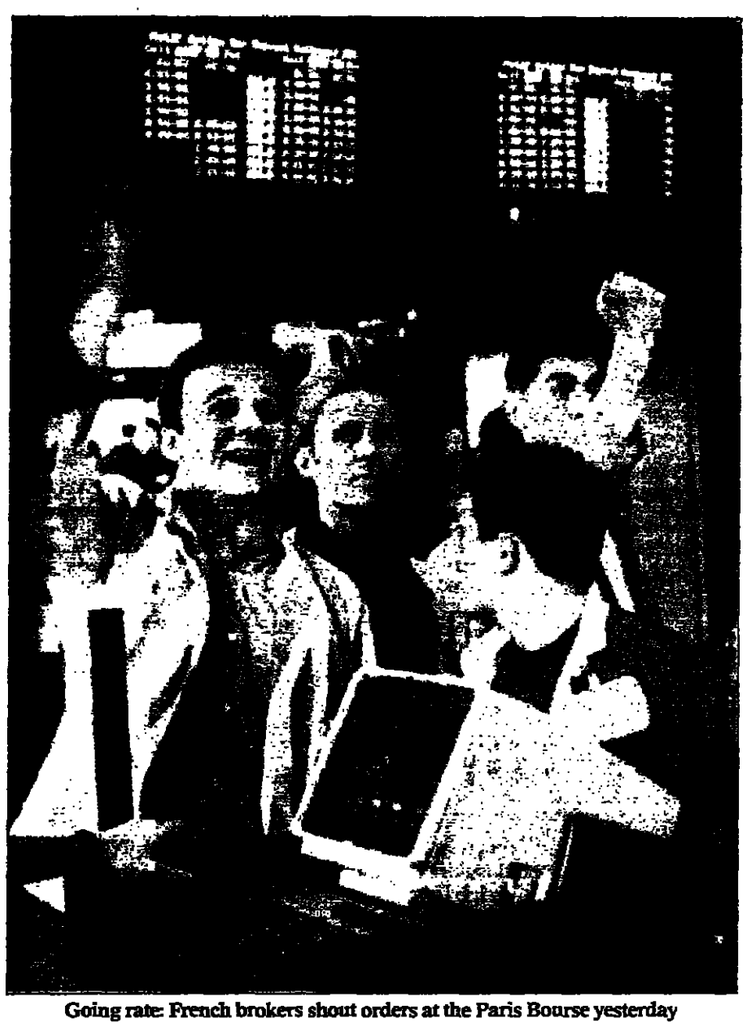
The group, conscious of weekend media speculation about the share repurchase, held a Sunday night board meeting and decided it was in the best interest of the market to announce its share repurchase plans before Monday morning trading.

Reuters will today disclose its cash holdings, but said the £350 million outflow from its coffers would not hinder its current plans, which can comfortably be funded from resources and from future cash flows.

□ St James's Place Capital, which in 1988 set up RIT Capital Partners to hold the group's medium and longer-term investments and at the time distributed 60 per cent of its holding in RIT to shareholders, is to put its remaining 37.6 per cent in shareholders' hands.

Shareholders will receive 0.9895 RIT shares and 48p in cash for every four St James's Place Capital shares held. The RIT interest is St James's largest single investment. The share distribution, together with £32.7 million of cash being paid out, will reduce St James's net assets by more than a third.

Paris brokers scent a cut in rates



Going rate: French brokers shout orders at the Paris Bourse yesterday

BY JON ASHWORTH

RATE-CUT fever gripped the Paris bourse yesterday, amid growing expectations that the Bundesbank will cut its key interest rates this week. The CAC-40 market closed 11.18 points higher, at 2,006.22, after an extended rally.

Against the rising trend, shares in LVMH, the French luxury goods company, tumbled Frf55 to Frf3,990 — a decline of 1.36 per cent — on word that pre-tax profits would be about 25 per cent lower in the first half. LVMH, which owns Moët-et-Chandon champagne, Louis Vuitton luggage and the Christian Lacroix fashion house, lost Frf100 million on its champagne divisions, where sales fell 7.4 per cent.

The fall in profits is worse than expected, but analysts say a 12.4 per cent rise in perfume and beauty sales — including brands such as Christian Dior and Givenchy — will help compensate over the full year.

Turnover rose 3.6 per cent to Frf10.04 billion. LVMH had a net attributable profit of Frf1.3 billion in the first half of 1992, but will not disclose the 1993 figures until the end of September. The fall reflects both the losses in champagne and declining revenue from Guinness, the UK drinks group, in which LVMH has a 24 per cent stake.

Guinness, down 3p at 444p, has given warning of lower first-half results this year. The depreciation of sterling, now some 15 per cent lower against the franc compared with a year ago, will also have an impact.

News Corp takes control of Star

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ed products such as liquor. Star operates five main channels — news, sports, general entertainment, movies and a Chinese language service. Its most popular channel is Zee TV, a sixth service carried in India only, which claims 40 per cent of Indian viewers. The BBC's World Service Television network is part of the package, providing stiff competition for the Cable News Network, the US operator.

Christoher Irwin, chief executive of BBC World Service TV said: "This supports our long-held view of Star TV's potential. BBC WSTV has been the engine of Star's success in key regions of Asia. We intend to drive on."

Hutchison and the Li family will retain the remaining 36.4 per cent interest in HutchVision and keep control of the station's Hong Kong licence in order to satisfy restrictions on non-resident ownership of television companies. A Hong Kong government spokesman said that the purchase escaped the restrictions as HutchVision owns less than 50 per cent of HutchVision Hong Kong, the broadcasting licensee.

A Hutchison spokesman said that the half a billion dollar price-tag "represents approximately six times the funds that Hutchison and the Li family have invested in the satellite television business to date."

The deal is News Corp's biggest acquisition since its heavy debt burden forced it to restructure in 1991.

Merrydown falls on flat result

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A DISAPPOINTING performance from its vintage cider brand sent shares in Merrydown slumping 14p to 270p as the company reported full-year figures below the market's expectations.

But Richard Purdey, the Merrydown chairman, had a warning for competitors whose more recenty launched premium ciders have outstripped his own product's market share. "While there has been an explosion of new products, inevitably some, for a whole raft of reasons, will not make it," he said.

The premium cider market has grown by about a third each year as new products attract young and affluent consumers. But Merrydown's own brand lost sales in the year to end-March, ahead of a spring relaunch at a cost of almost £750,000 as two separate brands.

Higher interest charges, after the December purchase of the Shloer and PLJ soft drinks brands from SmithKline Beecham, left pre-tax profits at Merrydown at £1.71 million (£1.93 million). But analysts expect a sharp rise in the current year, as the effects of the relaunch come through.

A final dividend of 6p makes a total up from 6.2p to 7p.

Mr Purdey, pictured with Mike O'Driscoll, finance director, said cider sales for Merrydown in the first quarter of the year were unchanged on a year previously, suggesting that no benefits from the rebranding had yet been seen. Sales of adult soft drinks were performing on target.



Cider men: Richard Purdey and Mike O'Driscoll

'Sorry tale' of Lloyd's syndicates

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO Lloyd's investigations into loss-making Devonshire syndicates reveal a "sorry tale of muddle, incompetence and lack of supervision", said Alan Porter, chairman of the Devonshire Names Action Group.

The loss-review reports into syndicates 216 and 833/834 and 1137 were sent yesterday to more than 2,000 names, who have lost more than £200 million. The report into syndicates 216 and 833/834, which took 17 months to complete, concluded reinsurance was "inadequate" and "the general air of hostility and apprehension ... between Christopher Bohling (the syndicates' underwriter) and his staff would not have been conducive to the best running of the syndicates".

Syndicates 216 and 833/834 specialised in excess-of-loss reinsurance and were hit by a string of catastrophes, including Hurricane Hugo and the European storms. The losses suffered by the 2,000 names over underwriting years 1989 to 1991 equate to "an average of almost £100,000 per individual", said Mr Porter.

The report into syndicate 1137, which collapsed after seven months, said its losses mainly resulted from a mismatch between reinsurance and capacity and the risk-excess reinsurance of Gooda Walker syndicate 387, which wrote personal stop-loss policies. The syndicate's 93 names have lost an average of £65,807. Mr Porter said a special report by Trinity Square Services calculated the three syndicates' losses could deteriorate to £450 million.

London economy outstrips Hong Kong, says report

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LONDON runs a handsome trade surplus with the rest of Britain, and the rest of the world, but residents and people working in the capital contribute £8.2 billion more in tax than the city receives in public spending.

These are some of the key findings in a report on London's contribution to the economy, published yesterday by the City Research Project, a long-term study of the capital's competitive position as an international financial centre.

The report argues that the bias of public spending away from London and in favour of regions likely to absorb higher expenditure creates an economic distortion that is detrimental to the national economy. The net benefit to Britain of investment in London at the margin is likely to be 22.3 per cent higher than that from investment in other parts of the country, according to calculations in the study.

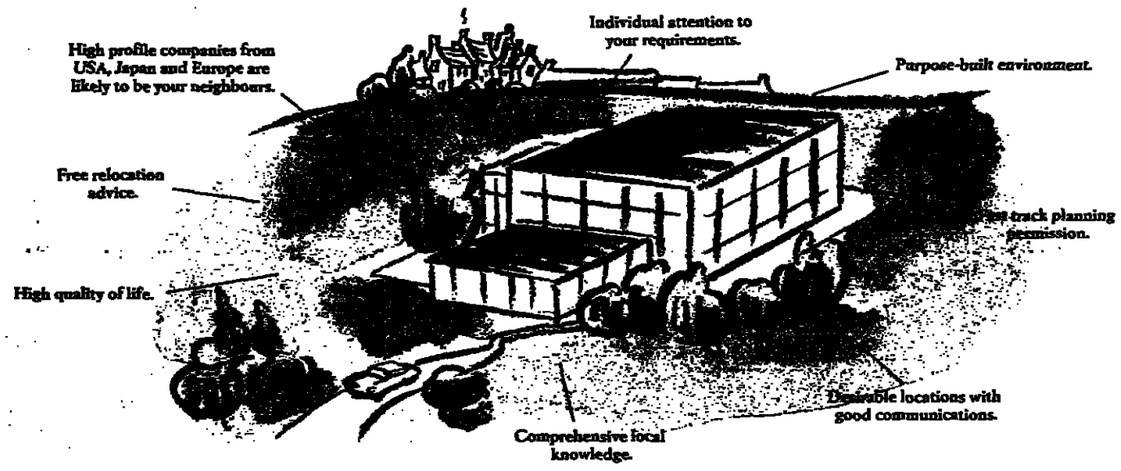
The report seeks to correct the widely held view that London, with only 12 per cent of its economic activity in manufacturing, contributes only marginally to the national economy and that the concentration of government offices shows that a disproportionately high share of government spending is focused on London.

In reality, the report says, at present exchange rates the London economy is about the same size as those of Russia or Saudi Arabia, and is noticeably bigger than the fast-growth economies of Hong Kong and Singapore. In the European Community, Greece, Portugal, Ireland and Luxembourg have smaller economies than London.

The report points out that London more than pays its way. Thanks to its predominant position in international trade in services, especially in financial services and tourism, London achieved a £10.6 billion trade surplus in goods and services in 1989, the study's benchmark year. Despite the recession, its surplus on financial services alone is this year likely to be about £7 billion.

With Britain likely to record an overall trade deficit of £18 billion this year, the London surplus implies that the rest of the country is running a £24 billion deficit, or a shortfall of £1,610 for each household. By contrast, the surplus per household in London is £4,380.

London's surplus is recycled to the rest of the economy through the tax system, and the average job in London generates 43 per cent more income-based tax than the average job for the whole country. Highlighting the capital's lack of investment, particularly in infrastructure projects, the report estimates that public spending relative to economic output in London is only 74 per cent of the national average.



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STOCK MARKET

Hopes of lower German interest rates hearten shares

THE City is pinning its hopes on a cut in German interest rates before the end of the week, and this proved to be just the tonic to lift shares out of their recent lethargy. The FT-SE 100 index showed signs of running out of steam at one stage, but later rallied, helped by a firm start on Wall Street, to finish just below its best of the day with a rise of 16.5 at 2,844.2.

Trading left a lot to be desired, with only 483 million shares changing hands by the close of business. Fund managers appeared reluctant to open new positions, concerned by political uncertainty and scepticism about the pace of recovery.

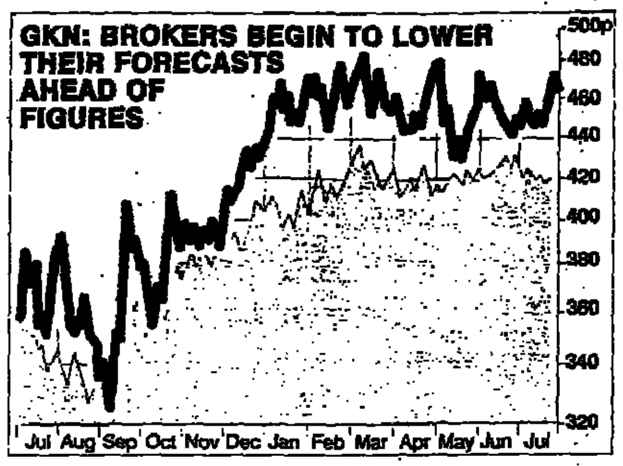
Reuters jumped 52p to £14.56p after confirming plans to spend some of its cash pile in buying back its own shares. It intends to spend £350 million buying almost 6 per cent of the company at £14 a share. The cash had become surplus to immediate requirements. The group unveils half-year figures today.

The growing prospect of a positive move by the Bundesbank directed attention at British companies with a strong presence in Germany. **Redland** rose 6p to 483p and **RMC** 4p to 780p.

GKN touched 462p before closing 8p lower at 465p on talk of profit downgradings. Hoare Govett, the broker, is believed to have cut its forecast before interim figures due next week but was unavailable for comment. Rival Nomura says GKN is a sell and is forecasting a drop in interim pre-tax profits from £65.1 million to £57 million. It does not expect Europe to recover enough to benefit the group this year.

Boots, the chemist, advanced 10p to 442p ahead of a presentation to fund managers last night in the wake of last week's annual meeting. Weekend reports indicated the group may be ready to dispose of its pharmaceutical operation following the withdrawal of Manoplax, its heart drug, earlier this month.

Food retailers shrugged off some of their recent gloom to score useful gains. **Asda** rose 2¼p to 64p, **Argyll** 5p to 296p, **William Morrison** 4p to 138p, **J Sainsbury** 9p to 467p and **Tesco** 3p to 205p. **Kwik Save** also firmed 4p to 666p, with Lehman Brothers reckoned to be a buyer of the shares. **P&O**, the shipping,



property and construction group, rose 7p to 639p despite a profits downgrading by Smith New Court, the stockbroker, which has cut its forecast for the current year by £15 million to £285 million and for 1994 by around £10 million to £325 million.

Great Portland Estates fell 5p to 191p as Cazenove, the broker, placed a total of 9.8 million shares with institutions at 189p.

TSB Group firmed 1½p to 196p after announcing its plans to sell its Swan National vehicle hire business to Forward Trust, a subsidiary of HSBC, for £182.5 million. **HSBC** climbed 8p to 634p.

Coats Viyella, the textiles group, slipped a couple of pence to 231p after turning to the bond market to raise cash. The group is issuing £70 million of senior convertible bonds 2003 that will yield between 6.25 per cent and 6.5 per cent and will convert at between 16 per cent and 19 per cent above Coats' ordinary share price.

Guinness eased 3p to 444p. Its French associate, LVMH, the luxury goods group, has warned that first half net profits are likely to be down 25 per cent, blaming the champagne division, which made a loss. The two companies hold 25 per cent cross stakes in each other.

Rolfe & Nolan continued to reel from last week's profits warning with a fall of 30p to 225p.

The life insurance companies found themselves under attack on two fronts. They remain overshadowed by the Treasury's instructions to disclose commission payments made to salesmen. In addition, reports suggest that tax relief on mortgage endowments may be scrapped.

This left **Legal & General** 6p lower at 464p, **Lloyds Abbey** 3p at 409p, **London and Manchester** 3p at 329p, **Prudential Corporation** 4p at 305p, and **United Friendly** 5p at 633p.

☐ **Gilt edged** spent much of the day shadowing the pound and European bond markets. After an early mark-up prices came off the boil, but still managed to close with small gains of the day. Dealers fear there will be little demand for tomorrow's £3.25 billion gilt auction. Already being traded on a when-issued basis, the price of the partly paid **Treasury 7 per cent 2001** hardened a tick to £17 15/32.

The September series of the **long gilt** touched £108 23/32 before ending just three ticks firmer at £108¼ with 32,500 contracts completed.

In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** was £¼ better at £110 9/32 while in shorts, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £⅛ firmer at £110 9/16.

MICHAEL CLARK

Costs order in pension fund action

Members of two pension schemes with assets of £25 million are to be allowed to use funds from the schemes to pay the legal costs of a breach of trust action against the trustees, Melton Medes Pension Trustees (MMPT).

Mr Justice Vinelott awarded members of the Robert Fletcher (Greenfield) and Robert Fletcher (Stoneclough) pension funds a pre-emptive cost order, the first time that such an order has been granted to pension fund beneficiaries.

MMPT, a wholly owned subsidiary of Melton Medes, which took over the running of the two Robert Fletcher schemes seven years ago, is being sued by the members for more than £7 million.

The members, employees at two Lancashire paper mills bought by Melton Medes, allege that the trustees made a number of improper investments. In particular, they allege that a £5 million loan from the pension funds to Melton Medes has not been properly repaid.

The members claim the loan was advanced at a rate of 2 per cent a year, and, after a year, it was raised to the prevailing National Westminster base rate. The loan has been repaid, but the members say funds have not been compensated for loss of interest.

Two judicial trustees have been appointed and a stay has been put on the orders to give MMPT an opportunity to seek leave to appeal.

Boeing gloom

Boeing said that sales for the second half of this year would be 20 per cent lower than the opening half, reflecting production cuts in the wake of falling orders. Analysts estimate sales of $26 billion this year and $21 billion next, a figure almost a third below 1992's $30.2 billion.

Heron sale

Heron International, the property group, has sold its 50 per cent interest in the Rue D'Arlon building in Brussels, valuing the building at £32 million. It said the buyer was a "major European institution".

TSB sells Swan National Leasing for £182.5m

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

■ TSB's beleaguered shareholders breathed a sigh of relief as the bank extracted a better than expected price for Swan National Leasing from Forward Trust

TSB has sold Swan National Leasing, its car leasing business, to Midland Bank's Forward Trust for £182.5 million. The sale is part of TSB's strategy of focusing on its core banking and insurance business.

The price is made up of £57.9 million for Swan National Leasing's net assets and £124.6 million in respect of repayment of inter-company debt.

Forward Trust is paying £30 million more than book value. In the year to the end of September 1992, the leasing company's assets were valued at £27.1 million before deducting subordinated debt. The company had pre-tax profits of £7.3 million in the same year.

Banking analysts said Forward Trust appeared to be paying a high price, but it was good news for TSB shareholders. One analyst said: "This is a capital rich bank adding to its capital, which has implications for dividend growth."

Graham Picken, Forward Trust chief executive, said: "We think we have got a good deal." He said the company estimates Swan National Leasing's profits this year will reach £10 million.

The sale does not include Swan National Rentals, the car rental business, which is also part of the Eurodollar network. The rentals business, which has a fleet of 20,000 cars and vans, is likely to be the subject of a management buyout.

The acquisition, which includes a fleet of more than 26,000 vehicles, will take Forward Trust's fleet to 40,000 and give it a 5 per cent market share. Forward Trust plans to keep the Swan National Leasing identity, and said Swan National will become the focus of its contract hire interests.

Peter Ellwood, TSB's chief executive, said: "Forward Trust are committed to the expansion of their vehicle contract hire operations and we believe that this sale will benefit both the customers and employees of Swan National Leasing."

He said the proceeds will be used to continue the development of TSB's banking and insurance businesses.

The sale follows the collapse last week of talks with National & Provincial Building Society about a joint venture to manage the bank's loss-making chain of 133 estate agents. The two sides said that they were unable to surmount "genuine differences of opinion as to the value of the businesses".

TSB's Hill Samuel merchant bank, Noble Lowndes, the employee benefits consultancy, and its estate agency business are seen as non-core.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB, has made it clear that the bank will consider offers for Hill Samuel. However, when he revealed the results last month he said the bank has had approaches but no offers for the merchant bank.

Midland tried to sell Forward Trust three years ago for £250 million, but was unable to find a buyer. Since then it has been building up the business, with the acquisition of Crown Vehicle Contracts in 1991.

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Union Discount returns to profit

By Our Banking Correspondent

UNION Discount, the City discount house, has returned to the black in the first half of 1993. But the bulk of its £11.3 million pre-tax profit, compared with a £14.8 million loss in the same period in 1992, came from the sale of its Winterflood Securities market maker earlier in the year.

Continuing operations — made up of the discount house, equity and gilt-edged market making activities, asset management, and leasing — made a £1.1 million operating profit (loss of £12.1 million).

There is no interim dividend, but George Blunden, the chief executive, said if profits continued, he would like to sign off the year with a return to dividend.

Of the £11.3 million, £6.5 million was a profit on the disposal of Winterflood, Union Discount Invoice Financing and Union Discount Commercial Finance, and £3.7 million was profit contributions from these operations.

Mr Blunden said prospects for Union Discount are improving. He said the company is pulling out of its problem businesses like leasing and is trying to rebuild and improve other businesses. He said: "A year ago when I arrived I was quite nervous about the potential. I am now very positive."

Union Discount is in discussion with potential buyers of its four leasing businesses, which have a book value of £95 million.

Mr Blunden said Union Discount is concentrating on product development and searching for new fee earning business. It has formed Union Discount Commercial Services to advise firms on resolving their factoring, invoice discounting and leasing problems, and has acquired a majority stake in Guildhall, which advises on bonds, swaps and derivatives business. He said he was looking for other "bolt-on" businesses.

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Motor World accelerates to £1.4m

MOTOR World, which now has a chain of 187 stores selling car parts, yesterday disclosed interim pre-tax profits up 52.1 per cent to £1.46 million (£956,000) in its first financial results since it was floated on the stock market last February (Martin Flanagan writes).

The group said that, despite difficult trading, sales rose to £18.6 million (£16.4 million) in the six months to May 2. In the market, the shares were unchanged at 291p, against a flotation price of 210p.

Like-for-like growth in the branch network, which centres on the north of England, Wales and the Midlands, was 7 per cent. Motor World, led by Darrell Kershaw, managing director, opened nine new outlets in the period and says it aims to extend its geographical coverage.

Earnings per share are 8.1p, against 7.3p pro-forma, and the maiden interim dividend is 2.3p.

JOHN ANGERSON



Reflecting on a profitable half year's trading: Motor World's Darrell Kershaw

WORLD MARKETS

Dow talked higher

New York — Bullish comments by analysts, and the prospect of lower interest rates in Europe kept Wall Street shares trading higher. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.1 at 3,558.75 in the early afternoon. Advancing issues led declining shares ten to seven.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended a little higher in thin trade. The Nikkei average was up 87.51 points to 19,822.08, with about 170 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index surged 107.75 points to 6,858.08. Turnover fell to a thin HK$2.52 billion (£218 million) from Friday's HK$2.67 billion.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market hit a new high on hopes of another cut in interest rates at Thursday's central bank council meeting. The Dax index closed at 1,854.52, up 23.69 points, a little off its new 1993 peak of 1,854.83.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times Industrial index ended 11.46 points lower at 1,811.62.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares were up 11.1 at 1,795.7. (Reuter)

	Jul 26 midday	Jul 23 close
AMP Inc	60¾	61
AMR Corp	65¼	65¾
Abbott Labs	25⅜	25⅝
Aetna Life	58¾	59
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	41¼	41½
Alberson's	51⅝	52¼
Alcan Aluminm	19⅝	19⅝
Alco Standard	45	44¾
Allied Signal	69¼	69
Alum Co of Am	70⅝	70¼
Amax	24	24
Amerada Hess	49	49⅝
Amer Brands	33⅞	33⅜
Amer Cyanamid	53⅞	53⅞
Amer El Power	38⅛	37⅞
Amer Express	33	32⅞
Amer Genl Corp	31⅛	30⅞
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	63⅞
Amer Intl	137⅞	138⅝
Amer Stores	43⅞	43⅞
Amer T & T	64	63⅞
Ameritech	78⅝	78⅝
Amoco	54	53⅞
Anheuser-Busch	47⅞	46⅞
Apple Computer	27	26⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅝	23⅞
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
Armco	7	7⅛
Armstrng Wrld	32⅛	32⅞
Asarco	18⅝	18
Ashland Oil	28	28⅞
Atl Richfield	115⅞	115⅞
Auto Data Pro	49⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	29⅛	28⅞
Avon Products	57⅞	57⅞
Baker Hughes	25⅞	26⅛
Baldm Gas & El	26	25⅞
Banc One	54⅞	54⅞
BankAmerica	44⅞	43⅞
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	75⅞	75⅞
Barnett Banks	47⅛	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	46⅞	46⅞
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26⅞
Becton Dickson	36⅞	37⅛
Bell Atlantic	58⅞	58⅞
BellSouth	57	58⅞
Black & Decker	21⅛	21⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅛	34⅞
Boeing	39⅛	37⅞
Boise Cascade	21⅛	21⅞
Borden Inc	17⅛	17⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅞	57⅛
Browning Ferris	25	26
Burlington Nthn	55⅞	54⅞
CBS	250⅞	249⅞
CNA Financial	91	91
CPC Intl	40⅞	40⅞
CSX	74	73⅞
Campbell Soup	36⅛	36⅞
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	510⅞	512⅞
Cpd Holdings	42⅛	42⅞
Carolina Pwr	32⅞	33
Caterpillar	79⅞	80⅛
Central & Sw	32⅛	32⅞
Champion Intl	33⅛	33⅞
Chase Manhat	31⅛	32⅞
Chemical Bk	40⅛	40⅞
Chevron Corp	87⅛	87⅞
Chrysler	45⅛	45
Chubb Corp	91⅛	89⅞
Cigna Corp	58⅛	58⅞
Citicorp	32⅛	31⅞
Clorox	52⅛	53⅞
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅞
Coca Cola	43⅞	44
Colgate-Palmolive	49⅛	49⅞
Columbia Gas	21⅛	21⅛
Commonw Ed	29⅛	29⅞
Compaq Comp	49⅞	50⅛
Comp Ass Intl	29⅛	29⅞
Conagra	24⅞	24⅞
Cons Edison	36	36
Cons Nat Gas	50	49⅞
Cons Rail	53⅛	53⅞
Cooper Inds	48⅛	49⅞
Corning Inc	33	32⅞
Crown Cork	34	34⅞
Dana Corp	55⅛	54⅞
Dayton Hudson	66⅛	67
Deere	65⅛	65⅞
Delta Air Lines	51⅛	52
Deluxe Corp	37⅛	37⅞
Detroit Edison	35⅛	35⅞
Digital Equip	37⅛	37⅞
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	37⅞
Disney (Walt)	40	39⅞
Dominion Res	45⅛	46
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	30
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	59⅛	58⅞
Dow Jones	29⅛	29⅞
Dresser	24⅛	24⅞
Duke Power	42⅛	42⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	61⅛	60⅞
Du Pont	49⅛	48⅞
Eastman Kodak	51⅛	51⅞
Eaton Corp	44⅛	44⅞

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Emerson Elec	58⅛	57⅞
Engelhard Corp	36⅛	36¼
Enron Corp	65⅝	65⅜
Entergy Corp	37⅝	37⅜
Ethyl Corp	19	19
Exxon	65⅝	65⅝
FMC Corp	47⅝	47½
FPL Group	38⅝	38⅝
Federal Express	53⅝	53⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	83⅝	82⅝
First Chicago	44⅝	44⅝
First Interstate	65	64⅝
First Union Rly	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅝	33⅝
Fluor Corp	43⅝	43
Ford Motor	52⅝	52
GTE Corp	36⅝	36
Gannett	50	49
Gap Inc Del	29⅝	28⅝
Gen Dynamics	90⅝	90⅝
Gen Electric	98⅝	97⅝
Gen Mills	63⅝	63⅝
Gen Motors	47⅝	46⅝
Gen Reinsurance	120	119⅝
Gen Signal	31⅝	31⅝
Genuine Parts	37⅝	36⅝
Georgia Pac	68⅝	67⅝
Gillette	51⅝	51⅝
Glaxo ADR	16⅝	16
Goodrich (BF)	45⅝	45⅝
Goodyear Tire	42⅝	42⅝
Grace (WR)	41⅝	41⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31	31⅝
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	17⅝
Halliburton	38⅝	37⅝
Harcourt General	37⅝	37⅝
Heinz (HJ)	35⅝	36
Hercules	76⅝	76⅝
Hershey Foods	44⅝	44
Hewlett Packard	76⅝	77⅝
Hilton Hotels	43⅝	43⅝
Home Depot	43⅝	43⅝
Homestake Mng	19⅝	18⅝
Honeywell	36	36⅝
Household Intl	74⅝	74⅝
Houston Inds	45⅝	45⅝
Humana	12⅝	12⅝
ITT Corp	88⅝	88⅝
Illinois Tool	37	37⅝
INCO	20⅝	20⅝
Ingersoll Rand	33⅝	33⅝
Inland Steel	29⅝	29
Intnl Corp	53	51⅝
IBM	41⅝	42⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅝	113⅝
Intl Paper	65⅝	64⅝
James River Va	21⅝	21⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅝	38⅝
K Mart	20⅝	20⅝
Kellogg	50⅝	49⅝
Kerr-McGee	52⅝	52⅝
Kimberly-Clark	47⅝	46⅝
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	47⅝	48⅝
Limited Inc	20⅝	20⅝
LIN Brdcstng	101⅝	100⅝
Lincoln Nat	38⅝	38⅝
Litton	64⅝	64⅝
Liz Claiborne	20⅝	20⅝
Lockheed Corp	67	66⅝
Louisiana Pac	32⅝	32
MCI Commun	29⅝	29
Marriott	28	27⅝
Marsh & McLen	86⅝	86⅝
Masco Corp	28⅝	28⅝
May Dept St	38⅝	38⅝
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15⅝
McCaw Cellular	48	48⅝
McDonalds	49	48⅝
McDonnell D	85⅝	84⅝
McGraw Hill	62⅝	61⅝
Mead Corp	43⅝	42⅝
Medtronic	61⅝	62⅝
Mellon Bk	53⅝	54⅝
Melville Corp	44⅝	44
Merck Inc	32⅝	32⅝
Merrill Lynch	85⅝	84
Minnesota Mine	109⅝	109⅝
Mobil Corp	71⅝	71
Monsanto	57⅝	57⅝
Morgan (JP)	70	69⅝
Motorola Inc	89⅝	88⅝
Natl Medical	11⅝	11⅝
Natl Semi	16⅝	16⅝
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar Int	26⅝	26⅝
NBD Bancorp	33⅝	33⅝
NY Times A	25	25⅝
Newmont Mng	53⅝	52⅝
Niag Mohawk	24⅝	24⅝
Nike B	55⅝	55⅝
NL Industries	5⅝	5⅝
Nordstrom	27⅝	27
Norfolk Sthrn	63	62⅝
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅝
Norwest Corp	27⅝	27⅝
Nynex Corp	90⅝	90⅝
Occidental Pet	21⅝	21⅝
Ohio Edison	25⅝	25
Oracle Systems	51	50⅝

	Jul 26 midday	Jul 23 close
Oryx Energy Co	19¾	19¾
Owens Corning	41⅜	41⅜
PNC Financial	28⅞	29⅜
PPG Industries	69⅝	69⅝
Paccar Inc	60⅜	61
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	25⅝	25
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅝	34⅝
Pac Telesis	48⅝	48⅝
Pall Corp	16⅝	17⅝
Panhandle East	25⅝	24⅝
Paramnt Comm	52⅝	52⅝
Parker Hannifin	31	31
Penney (JC)	44⅝	43⅝
Pennzoil	62	61⅝
Pepsico	37⅝	37⅝
Pfizer	64⅝	65
Phelps Dodge	46	45⅝
Philadel Elec	31⅝	30⅝
Philip Morris	47	47⅝
Phillips Pet	29⅝	28⅝
Pitney Bowes	41⅝	41⅝
Polaroid	37	37
Price Co	33	32⅝
Primerica	53⅝	53⅝
Procter & Gmbl	48⅝	48⅝
Pub Serv E & G	34⅝	34⅝
Quaker Oats	65⅝	65⅝
Ralston Purina	39⅝	39
Raychem Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Raytheon	59⅝	59⅝
Reebok Intl	29⅝	28⅝
Reynolds Metals	49⅝	50⅝
Roadway Srvs	61⅝	61⅝
Rockwell Intl	32⅝	32
Rohm & Haas	52	52⅝
Royal Dutch	92⅝	92⅝
Rubbermaid	29⅝	29⅝
Safeco Corp	62⅝	61⅝
St Paul's Cos	86⅝	85
Salomon Inc	39⅝	39⅝
Santa Fe Pac	17⅝	18
Sara Lee Corp	23⅝	23⅝
Scecorp	23⅝	23⅝
Schering Plough	67	67⅝
Schlumberger	64⅝	64⅝
Scott Paper	31⅝	31⅝
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	50⅝	50⅝
Shell Trans	56	56
Sherwin Wllms	32⅝	31⅝
Skyline Corp	18	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	41⅝	40⅝
Southern Co	42⅝	42⅝
Stwestern Bell	40⅝	40⅝
Sprint Corp	35⅝	34⅝
Stanley Works	41⅝	41⅝
Sun Company	28⅝	26⅝
Suntrust	45⅝	45⅝
Supervalu	35⅝	35⅝
Syntex Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Sysco Corp	25⅝	25⅝
TRW Inc	63⅝	63
Tandem Comp	10⅝	10⅝
Tandy Corp	29	28⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅝
Teledyne	24⅝	23⅝
Temple Inland	44⅝	44⅝
Tenneco	49⅝	49⅝
Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Texas Inst	75⅝	73⅝
Texas Utilities	47⅝	48
Textron	53	53⅝
Time Warner	38⅝	38⅝
Times-Mirror	30⅝	30
Timken	33⅝	33⅝
Torchmark	56⅝	57
Toys R Us	35⅝	35⅝
Transamerica	54⅝	54⅝
Travelers Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Tribune	51	50⅝
Tyco Labs	39⅝	39⅝
UAL Corp	138⅝	139⅝
UST Inc	29⅝	29⅝
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	97⅝	97⅝
Union Camp	43⅝	43⅝
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	62⅝	63⅝
Unisys Corp	10⅝	10⅝
USAir Group	16⅝	17⅝
USF&G Corp	18	17⅝
US Life	41⅝	42
US West	47⅝	47⅝
United Tech	54⅝	54⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Upjohn	28⅝	29⅝
VF Corp	40⅝	41
WMX Tech	31⅝	31⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅝	25⅝
Warner-Lambert	65⅝	66⅝
Wells Fargo	111⅝	111⅝
Westinghouse El	16⅝	16⅝
Weyerhaeuser	40⅝	39⅝
Whirlpool	62⅝	61⅝
Whitman	14⅝	14⅝
Winn Dixie	57	57⅝
Woolworth	25⅝	25⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33⅝	33⅝
Xerox	73⅝	73⅝

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Provident	384p (+10p)	Merrydown Wine	268p (-16p)
Vinten	397p (+10p)	ADT	570p (-20p)
THORN EMI	947p (+10p)	Rolfe & Nolan	225p (-30p)
Govett	300p (+13p)	Brit Bio-tech	355p (-13p)
Cadbury-Schw	452p (+10p)	Takeda Chem	789p (-12p)
J Sainsbury	467p (+9p)	Mitel	359p (-24p)
Antofagasta	935p (+10p)	GKN	465p (-8p)
Boots	442p (+10p)	CRT Group	92p (-8p)
Jardine Math	473p (+16p)	Refuge	943p (-7p)
Rank Org	713p (+11p)	Thomson Corp	775p (-10p)
Reuters	1440p (+36p)		
Cater Allen	504p (+8p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Anagen (100)	81	+2	Eaglet Inv Warrants	35	+1
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...	Enviromed (110)	115	...
Baring Emrg Mkts ($10)	679	...	Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	18	-½
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	172½	+½	Field Group (250)	267	-1
Business Post (120)	143	...	Fine Decor (210)	261	...
Carpetright (148)	170	+4	Finsbury Smaller Co's C	149	...
Celsis International (100)	102	+1	Govett Emerging Mkts	101	...
Court Cavendish (225)	197	...	Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	46	...
Creston Warrants	7	...	Johnson Fry Utls (100)	105	+2
Devro International (170)	194	...	-do- Zero Pf	102	...
Eaglet Inv Trust	97	...	Kerry Group A	265	...

Shandwick chief to split roles

By Jon Ashworth

PETER Gummer is to step aside as chief executive of Shandwick, the PR group, after a turbulent spell marked by redundancies, resignations and an ailing share price. But he will remain chairman and has played down suggestions that he intends to take a back seat.

Mr Gummer, who combined the roles late in 1991 after the resignation of Antony Stoddard as chief executive, said that it was opportune to split responsibilities now that "a degree of stability" was returning to the business. He will hand over to Dermot McNulty, chief operating officer, at the annual meeting in April 1994.

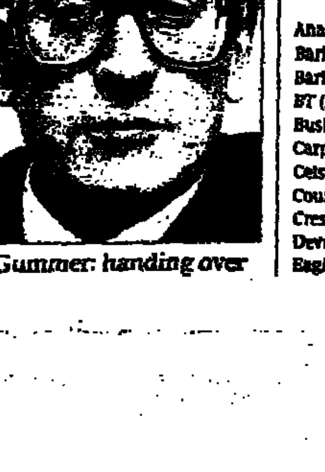
The announcement came as Shandwick reported pre-tax profits of £1.73 million (£1.54 million) in the half year to April 30, and said there was still no sign of the sharp economic upturn necessary for a material improvement in trading performance.

Operating income is 6 per cent down on the comparable period last year. Earnings per share in the half year were 1.7p (0.9p). There is no interim dividend (nil).

The slight rise in profits is due entirely to favourable currency rates. Half of Shandwick's business comes from America. The shares fell 5½p to 26½p. Interest payments continue to be a "significant burden", with debt increasing £3.1 million to £65.2 million.

Mr Gummer said that steps to cut costs were taking effect. He added: "There are signs that our markets are beginning to improve a little."

The number of employees fell 77 to 1,833 compared with 2,250 two years ago. Operating income at the UK financial PR company has fallen in the absence of takeover activity.



Gummer: handing over

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and IN THE MATTER OF SWAN HUNTER LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held at The Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DH at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 August 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it the report prepared by the joint administrative receivers in accordance with the said section, and if thought fit, appointing a committee.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or vote at the meeting. Creditors who are partly secured may only vote in respect of the balance of the amount due to them after deducting the value of their security, as estimated by them. A creditor in respect of debt due on, or secured by, a bill of exchange or promissory note must treat the liability of any person who is liable on the bill antecedently to the company as security held by him (unless that other person is subject to a bankruptcy order or in liquidation).
Creditors wishing to vote at the above meeting must lodge a written statement of their claims with me at the offices of Price Waterhouse, 89 Sandyford Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PL, no later than 12 noon on 9 August 1993.
DATED 22nd day of July 1993
A E James
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2670375. Name of company: Broadgate Forum Limited. Nature of business: Investment Company. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002686. Date of appointment: 16 July 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 21 July 1993

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2666062. Name of company: London & Suffolk Investments Plc. Nature of business: Holding Company. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002686. Date of appointment: 16 July 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 21 July 1993

RL HUGHES (HCS) LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Tuesday the 10th August 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 6th August 1993
Dated this 19th day of July 1993
R P HUGHES, Director.

THE ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 595 of the Companies Act 1985 the final general meeting of the company will be held at Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU on 25 August 1993, at 10.00 am, to be followed at 10.30 am by the final meeting of the creditors, to have an account laid before them showing how the winding up has been conducted and the property of the company has been disposed of and any explanations that may be given by the liquidator.
16 July 1993
W M Roberts, Liquidator

G.E. BARLOW & SON (THORNWOOD) LTD.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ on 30 July 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from C.M. Jones of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
22 July 1993
By Order of the Board
P Barlow Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
HIGH-END REPRO LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that C.M. Jones, LL.B, ACA, MICM MSPI of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ was appointed liquidator of the above on 21 July 1993.
FURTHER the creditors of the above are required on or before the 19 September 1993 to detail their names and addresses (and solicitors if applicable) together with particulars of their debts or claims, in writing, or in person, to the liquidator, and as specified by the liquidator. In default thereof they will be excluded from any benefit arising from the liquidation
Dated this day of 21 July 1993
C.M. Jones, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106 (1)
G.A. INTERNATIONAL LIMITED In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 20 July 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 20 July 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and IN THE MATTER OF SWAN HUNTER SHIPBUILDING & ENGINEERING GROUP LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held at The Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DH at 10.00 am on Tuesday 10 August 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it the report prepared by the joint administrative receivers in accordance with the said section, and if thought fit, appointing a committee.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or vote at the meeting. Creditors who are partly secured may only vote in respect of the balance of the amount due to them after deducting the value of their security, as estimated by them. A creditor in respect of debt due on, or secured by, a bill of exchange or promissory note must treat the liability of any person who is liable on the bill antecedently to the company as security held by him (unless that other person is subject to a bankruptcy order or in liquidation).
Creditors wishing to vote at the above meeting must lodge a written statement of their claims with me at the offices of Price Waterhouse, 89 Sandyford Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PL, no later than 12 noon on 9 August 1993.
DATED 22nd day of July 1993
A E James
Joint Administrative Receiver

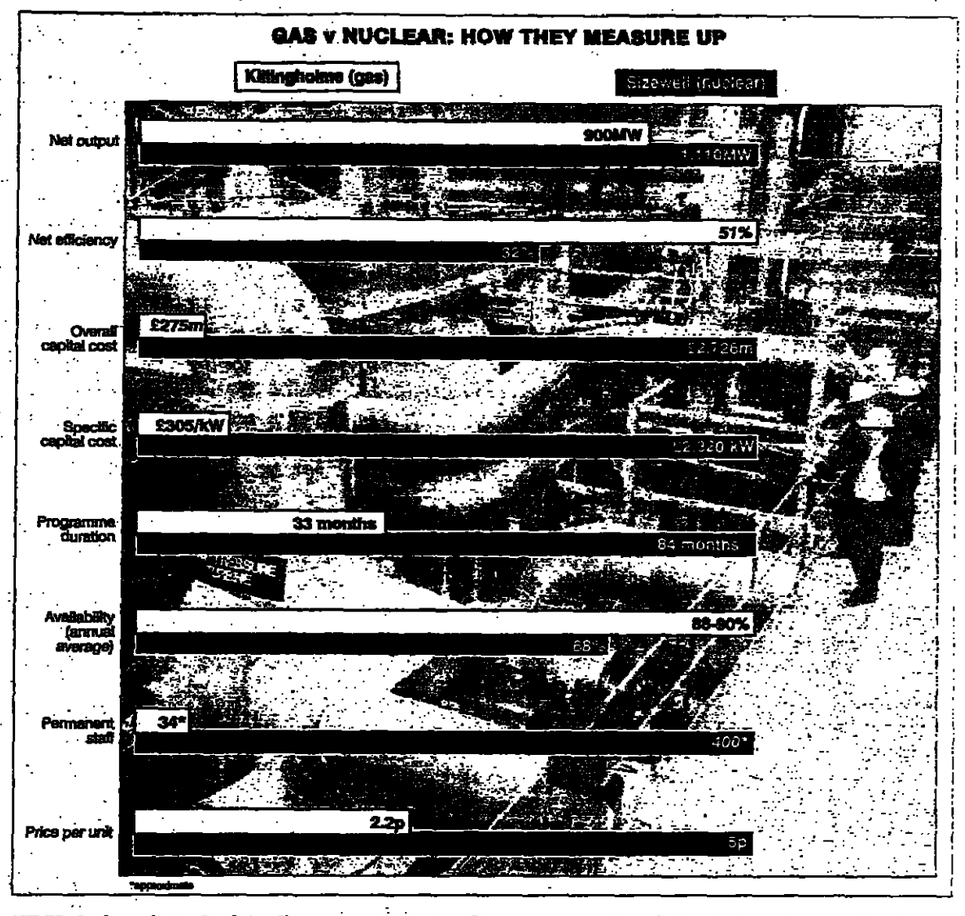
BRIGHT WALTON HOMES PLC
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, was appointed to act as Liquidator of Bright Walton Homes plc by a Resolution of a meeting of the company's shareholders held on 13 July 1993
Notice is also given that creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, at the above address, by no later than Friday 20 August 1993, which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors, and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full
DATED this 21st day of July 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

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Nuclear 'dinosaurs' or fossil fuel power: the hard choice

With Nuclear Electric reporting today, ministers must decide whether the dream of cheap atomic energy can be revived. Ross Tieman reports



Kept afloat by subsidy, ridiculed by environmentalists and out-manoeuvred by nimbler competitors, Britain's atomic energy programme is fighting for its life.

This autumn, the government has pledged a fundamental review of nuclear strategy. For the industry's diminishing number of friends, the prospects are unpromising. The dream of power "too cheap to meter" has already started to unravel.

Last week, Nuclear Electric, the leading state-owned nuclear generator, pulled the plug on Trawsfynydd power station in Wales after failing to satisfy the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate that production at the 28-year-old plant could safely be resumed. Two other magnox plants from Britain's original atomic programme, which began production more than 30 years ago, are already being decommissioned.

Ministers held in thrall by the nuclear industry for generations have at last begun to escape its spell. Searching for cost savings, they ordered UKAEA, the atomic research organisation, to close first the experimental heavy-water reactor at Winfrith in Dorset and then the fast-breeder at Dounreay, Caithness. Now they are dragging their feet over pollution approvals for the THORP fuel-recycling plant at Sellafield to begin operation. Although the £1.85 billion factory is ready to run, a new enquiry, perhaps reviewing whether it is needed at all, has been promised.

Opponents of nuclear power cite safety worries, but the main threat to the industry comes from market forces and middle-class voters appalled at the idea of waste dumps near their homes.

The privatisation of the rest of the power industry two years ago focused attention on the costs and liabilities of these nuclear "dinosaurs". The government was obliged to withdraw the atomic plants from sale, divide them between two state-owned companies, Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, and arrange a £1.1 billion-a-year levy on consumer bills to meet their deficit and build a fund for decommissioning.

There have been three waves of atomic power-plant building in Britain, each using a different technology. The first, magnox series, originated in the Cold War, and served, simultaneously, to ensure a supply of weapons-grade plutonium. These plants, of which seven remain, are nearing the end of their lives and will cost up to £150 million each to decommission.

The advanced gas-cooled reactor programme, launched in 1965, led to seven much larger power plants. It was a commercial and technical nightmare, bedevilled by delays and design differences between the plants. The most troubled station, Dungeness B, in Kent, was not completed until 1985.

Chastened by the experience, the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) had one last roll of the dice, persuading ministers, in 1980, to finance the construction of 10 pressurised water reactors (PWRs). The first and only one of these to be built, Sizewell B, is now nearing completion on the Suffolk coast.

Nuclear enthusiasts, advocating a chain of similar rectors, will have a tough time to get them built, for various reasons. First, cost. Privatisation showed that, including decommissioning costs, nuclear bulk power plants were actually dearest by far. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, last autumn put coal-plant generating costs at 2.72p to 2.74p per kilowatt/hour. A trade and industry select committee report said Nuclear Electric's magnox stations in the year to March 1992 produced power at 4.3p per kilowatt/hour. Yet keeping the stations in use until they wear out made sense because the plants cost money whether they were used or not. The *avoidable* cost of power they produced was only 1.5p to 1.7p per kilowatt/hour.

Environmentalists dispute these figures, but the fact of higher nuclear costs cannot be denied. The government awarded the two remaining Scottish atomic plants high-priced power-sales contracts to shelter them from competition. In England and Wales, a temporary levy, until 1998, was introduced to add £1 billion a year to revenues, with a guarantee that Nuclear Electric can sell all the power it can produce. This gives nuclear operators a breathing space to make their plants profitable.

To their credit, they have made great strides in cutting costs and improving plant availability. The annual report of Nuclear Electric, to be published today will show that, since 1991, the company's share of electricity sales in England and Wales has risen from 16.5 per cent to almost 23 per cent. At the same time, costs per kilowatt/hour have been dramatically cut, although they remain above those of power from efficient fossil-fuel plants.

Nuclear power has a second problem: waste. Nuclear waste, even encased in glass, will remain hazardous until a couple of ice ages have elapsed.

As if that were not enough, privatisation and the end of a long-standing ban on the use of exhaustible natural gas for electricity generation have introduced a new, fleet-of-foot competitor: the combined-cycle gas-turbine plant.

Sizewell B, due to come on stream next year, will have taken 14 years of planning, enquiries and construction. It will generate 1,110 megawatts of power for a capital cost of some £2.7 billion, in real money, and employ a staff of about 400.

By contrast only four years elapsed between application and full production for the Killingholme combined-cycle gas-turbine plant, brought into production last December by PowerGen, the smaller of England's two privatised power companies. Killingholme is, in real terms, the cheapest producer in Britain. It generates 900 megawatts of power for a capital spend of £275 million and employs just 34 people. Electricity from Sizewell B, according to Nuclear Electric, will cost 5p per kilowatt/hour assuming an 8 per cent rate of return. Killingholme, according to PowerGen, produces power for 2.2p kilowatt/hour, and makes a rather higher return.

Nuclear industry chiefs pin their hopes on a series of Sizewell-type reactors on the existing Sizewell site, claiming cost-savings could make them competitive. But Terry Chappell, who heads PowerGen's new plant programme, says: "Their sums don't add up. Even if you cut the costs by 20 per cent, there is a £1 billion gap in the construction bill." That may explain why construction of nuclear plants has virtually ceased in the developed world.

Power station costs are not set in stone. New technologies change the cost of construction. Changes in world demand and supply, as well as political events, change the relative cost of different fuels.

The government no longer needs to finance power-plant construction. Private-sector generators have conducted their own nuclear review. According to the National Grid Company, which runs the transmission system in England and Wales, 15 large power stations are set to come on stream by the end of next year. Fourteen will be burning gas. The other is Sizewell B.

TEMPUS

Cash is no longer king

KING Cash, who ruled throughout the recession, has been deposed while nobody was watching. Companies that carefully husbanded their liquid assets for the past three years now seem desperate to hand them over to shareholders, seen by many businesses as recipient of last resort for corporate wealth.

Reuters' decision to spend £350 million on buying in 5.8 per cent of its own shares shows just how unpopular cash has become, especially when, on the same day, Lord Rothschild's St James's Place Capital said it wants to distribute its stake in RIT along with £32.7 million cash. Until recently any cash-rich company considered itself fortunate: funds were available for organic and acquisitive expansion, and earned up to 15 per cent on deposit even if unused. The fall in interest rates has changed all this. Reuters seemed happy enough with its cash when interest rates were high. Now the money is earning less than 6 per cent, it is a drag on the group's performance.

The turn in financial fashion against bids also counts against the popularity of cash. Reuters may not be the sort of business that would blow its reserves on an ill-considered diversification, but the group's statement yesterday appeared to rule out acquisitions entirely in favour of organic expansion with its remaining funds.

After the flood of rights issues that hit the market in the first half of the year, investors should welcome distributions like these which enhance their cash flow. There are still many heavily borrowed companies eyeing the stock market hungrily and hoping that they can raise some equity finance later in the year.

Union Discount

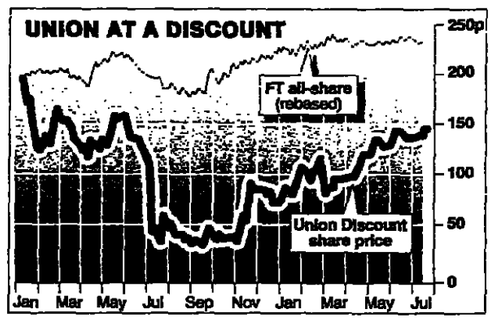
SUSTAINED fire-fighting in its disastrous asset finance division and the sale of Winterflood Securities have saved Union Discount from an unpleasant fate. But the firm's welcome return to profits resurrects awkward questions about its future.

For all its history, Union is now a small operator in the money markets and cannot compete against the commercial banks. In the first six months of the year, Union's core discount house activities produced a profit of only £1.6 million, since much of its risk capital is still tied up in the leasing businesses.

Union needs to diversify, a need that prompted its ill-advised move into leasing in the first place. George Blunden, the chief executive, believes the firm's future lies in risk-free advisory services, exemplified by its recent acquisition of Guildhall, a derivatives consultant.

Lack of size is no bar to success in the advice trade, but there is plenty of competition and Union has yet to prove it can offer anything original. At 158p, the shares are trading 18 per cent below net asset value, even after the capital is adjusted to take account of the likely £5 million loss the firm will suffer from the sale of the leasing businesses.

The gap is likely to narrow, particularly if Union pays a token dividend at year-end or a bidder re-emerges. But the shares hardly deserve a premium until the group demonstrates it has some long-term viability.



TSB

UNION Discount and other keen sellers of asset-financing businesses will be heartened by the TSB's disposal of Swan National Leasing to Forward Trust, HSBC's leasing offshoot, at a £30.8 million premium to net assets and an exit p/e ratio of more than 13. It is particularly ironic that Swan is being bought by a company that was itself put on sale by Midland three years ago, but was withdrawn when nobody was prepared to offer anything close to net assets. The acquisition shows that Midland's new owner is still a keen buyer.

The time when financial businesses had scarcely any intrinsic value is ending. Until a few months ago, banks and financial-services companies were still changing hands at deep discounts to book value, but such deals are becoming rare.

The disposal takes TSB another step towards its goal of concentrating on core banking and life-assurance services. The bank is still lumbered with some of the oddities it bought in the 1980s, such as the estate-agency chain it failed to sell last week, but it is getting there. When TSB has completed its clear-out, its comfortable capital ratios should help it expand again by bidding aggressively for business. The bank could even turn to acquisitions again to build up its share of its main markets. If it does, the care with which it has managed its disposal programme should have taught it more caution.

Brent Walker

MUCH has changed since the days when George Walker tried to convince the City, with little success, that betting shops were the ultimate leisure concept of the 1990s. Two of the three big players in the industry are probably for sale, but the only declared buyer wants generous odds.

Bass is widely thought to be buffing up its Coral operation for an overseas buyer. Brent Walker, now shorn of its ebullient founder, is effectively conducting a public auction for William Hill. The Warburg consortium's £360 million values the business at 13 times' current earnings. If a purchaser then brought William Hill to the market, it could hope for a profit of perhaps £100 million at a little above the current average rating. Holding back expectations is the uncertainty about the impact of the national lottery on an industry that seems marooned in a couple of decades in the past.

Anglian Water

ANGLIAN Water was at pains to stress the £72.5 million proceeds of yesterday's bond-with-warrants issue are destined for its non-core activities. Since the water companies' price settlements next summer are likely to be judged partly on their gearing, only a foolish company would cut debt with an equity issue now. Anglian's warrant issue solves the problem nicely. On a yield of 3.9 per cent, the immediate funding cost could hardly be lower, while the warrants should act as a delayed £72.5 million issue. The cash finances the recent £36 million purchases of Nordic, the process engineer, and others, leaving £20 million for future expansion.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tension high in other poll fight

THIS Thursday, as John Major braces himself for likely defeat in the Christchurch by-election, spare a thought for Billy Dove, anxiously awaiting the result of the City's Bishopsgate Ward common council by-election the same day. Dove, one of two candidates, so fears a low turnout that he has hand-delivered his manifesto to the ward's 600 voters. "Usually only 50 turn out, but I suppose because this is the first contested by-election for some time, there might be a chance of getting more people out," he says. The energetic campaigner, defeated in Tower Hamlets council elections, is vying with Douglas Eland for the City seat vacated by Mike Farrow. Dove, who has donned hard hat to visit some of the bomb-damaged ward's commercial electors, says: "Half the voters have been very difficult to trace. Norton Rose [the law firm] has moved to Blackfriars, and the estate agent Richard Ellis is now in Berkeley Square." Dove, a director of the Attlee Foundation, a charity helping young people, is in two livery companies — ironmongers and parish clerks — and is adamant that City tradition be preserved. "I think the City is in some danger, certainly if Labour returned, of being abolished. We must do all we can to ensure this doesn't happen," he says.

In the family

YET another earnest report has been published on the Corporation of London's efforts to ensure the City's competitiveness. However, *London's Contribution to the UK Economy*, by the City Research Project, is special for Sir Francis McWilliams, who has devoted so much energy as Lord Mayor to promoting the capital. After all, the chief consultant on the worthy document is Professor Douglas McWilliams, the Lord Mayor's son and head of the Centre for Economics and Business Research. Readers should not assume nepotism at Guildhall: the report was funded by London Underground.

Granada, goodbye

GRANADA Television seems to have been haemorrhaging senior executives since Andrew Quinn, its former chief executive, left last year to head the new ITV central commissioning and scheduling unit. There was concern among programme-makers when Charles Allen, a 35-year-old accountant with no experience in television, was brought in a year ago by Gerry Robinson, group chief executive, to steer Granada through the uncharted waters of increased competition. Stewart Prebble, formerly Granada's head of regional programmes, soon followed Quinn to become the ITV head of factual programming. Now David Liddiment, director of programmes, has left Granada after 18 years to replace Jim Moir as head of light entertainment at the BBC. Steve Morrison, managing director of broadcasting, takes over Liddiment's role in a new, more powerful role as managing director. Morrison, who has produced *World In Action* and the Oscar-winning film *My Left Foot* during 19 years at Granada, assumes control of broadcasting strategy and programme-making.



"How many francs to the pre-1993 rouble this morning?"

Parrots go cheap

A NEW "motivational marketing concept" takes flight today from atop the BT Tower. From now until September 11, a thousand teams from many of Britain's biggest businesses will try to outwit each other in a competitive charity challenge meant to raise £1 million for the Arnott Trust, the eyecare charity, and the Wooden Spoon Society, which helps the handicapped and those with sporting injuries. For £200, each team is given 1,000 mascot parrots to sell, and those who prove the best parrot-hawkers will get the chance to take part in the second annual Great British Treasure Hunt. So far, 670 teams have signed up from companies including Vauxhall, Ford, Ogilvy & Mather, BT, Texaco, IBM, and Olympia & York. Richard Branson, the Treasure Hunt patron, will today challenge more teams to join up. He is hoping for an outbreak of "corporate challenges" from teams in rival companies. "Corporate Britain can help Community Britain and motivate the British Workforce in the process," Treasure Hunt promoters say. At least there's no chance the parrots will be quite so earnest in conversation: they are "the sticky mascot variety one can stick on the refrigerator", a spokesman tells me.

Gem of a life

DIAMOND traders throughout the world are mourning the death of Kirtilal Mehta, the diamantaire and philanthropist credited with building India's diamond industry into a multimillion pound concern. Born in the remote village of Palanpur in 1907, Mehta entered the family diamond business at 12 after his father's death. He learnt fast, later founding the company Gembel, which employs 25,000 at offices in Hong Kong, New York, Tokyo and Bangkok and in the leading diamond-cutting centres of Bombay, Antwerp and Tel Aviv — all of which are run by family members. Deeply involved in India's independence movement, Mehta spent many of his later years in Israel, where he was honoured by the government in 1973 as a leading exporter. He was also awarded the Order of Leopold for services to the Belgian diamond industry.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

State must sort out Maxwell mess

From the Chairman, Maxwell Pensioners Action Group

Sir, Sir John Cuckney, who was appointed by Peter Lilley to be chairman of the Maxwell Pensioners Trust in June 1992, wrote in a letter to *The Times* on January 11: "I do hope sincerely that all concerned will find a common interest to secure an outcome within the next six months which will give the pensioners confidence that their pensions will be secure in the longer term. Their present mental anguish must not be allowed to continue."

Sir John's six-month deadline has come and gone and the financial quagmire of the Maxwell pension debacle continues unabated. The pensioners' mental turmoil grows.

The only notified recovery of assets this year is the £500,000 Ian Maxwell paid. Several times that amount has been paid from the pensioners' remaining funds to the professionals representing them.

Different messages are received from professionals appointed by the courts to attempt recovery of pension fund assets. The trustees, representing 32,000 Maxwell pensioners, told the select committee headed by Frank Field that they were "guardedly optimistic recoveries over the next three to five years would meet most pensions".

As pensioners discussed what "guardedly optimistic" meant in betting terms and whether "most" meant 60, 80 or 90 per cent, the liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management, Neil Cooper, of Robson Rhodes, told *The Sunday Times*: "It is fanciful to base pension fund calculations on what may or may not be recovered in contested court actions." Does use of the word 'fanciful' indicate Mr Cooper is a true pessimist or simply an informed optimist?

A trustee told a pensioners' meeting the select committee had misconstrued what the trustees told them.

Sir John's hopes of finding a sensible solution away from the courts seem to be slipping away. A welter of litigation that pensioners can ill afford looks increasingly inevitable.

In three to five years of court actions, the image of pension security, City institutions and the regulatory system designed to protect pension fund investments will be badly battered.

There has been much talk of moral responsibility in the Maxwell affair. The government should accept that it too has moral responsibility for not properly putting into place legislation to protect pensions. It is surely the state's responsibility to protect pension investment, or should we insure our pension against fraud as we insure our homes against theft? Action following the Goode Committee report on pension law reform may remedy the inadequacies, but the injustice Maxwell pensioners are suffering must be addressed effectively now that 20 months have passed since Maxwell's death.

Government should take from the Maxwell pensioners the costly task of unravelling a mess not of the pensioners' making. The trustees of the pension funds should assign all rights for recoveries to the Maxwell Pensions Unit, which the government set up to help the pensioners. If the "guardedly optimistic" expectations that the trustees gave the select committee are correct, this solution could cost the government nothing.

Yours faithfully,
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Inflation and central bankers' fears

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, In his most interesting article about inflation ("In a world without inflation, who needs central bankers?", July 21), Wolfgang Münchau pointed out that in a general non-inflationary situation, individual prices are free to rise, particularly if value is added, while others fall.

But what if the prices that rise are of everday items of food and clothing, which have not noticeably been improved, while the prices that fall are of goods purchased less frequently, such as jewellery, air tickets and digital watches? Surely in this situation millions of people will still feel they are living in a period of inflation and will press for increases in wages, salaries and pensions to maintain their standard of living, which is probably what is happening among employees of the US Federal Reserve — and the German Bundesbank, too.

Yours faithfully,
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From J. Shackles

Sir, Wolfgang Münchau rightly questions the role of the central banker. The banker's fear of future inflation/deflation, and, therefore, attempts to control each in turn, have only served to extend and exaggerate the normal ebb and flow of economic activity. Witness the excessive stimulation of the UK economy in the mid-1980s (resulting in bloated property prices), which was inevitably followed by the excessive and extended burden of 15 per cent interest rates to create a slowdown (resulting in collapsing property prices and in record repossessions).

The non-political role of the central banker should be solely the control of the money supply relative to the wealth of the nation (level of economic activity). The law of supply and demand will then dictate the cost (rate of interest), as it does in every other activity. Nobody, not even the central banker, need then have fear of inflation.

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Quilter 121.65 129.42 +0.55 2.64
-do- Acc 135.12 143.74 +0.61 2.64
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Deposit 92.71 92.71 +0.03 5.14
-do- Acc 92.71 92.71 +0.03 5.14
Fixed Conv 41.46 44.11 -0.02 6.35
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-do- Acc 147.60 157.00† +1.20 2.59
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Overs Income 89.16 95.32 +0.25 3.07
UK Growth 93.59 100.10† +0.36 0.77
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-do- Acc 99.74 106.40 +0.60 0.88
Extra Income 290.50 309.00 +0.60 4.06
-do- Acc 415.90 442.30 +0.80 4.06
Financial 107.90 115.80 +0.40 0.24
-do- Acc 113.00 121.20 +0.40 0.24
Gilt Gth Tst 64.09 66.09 +0.28 6.34
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-do- Acc 95.95 101.00 +0.30 0.85
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Intl Income 77.71 82.68 +0.14 4.82
Japan Gth 384.30 408.60 +3.20 ...
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UK Capital Inc 167.00 178.70 +0.40 4.03
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Fract Inv Inc 104.93 112.53 +0.38 4.08
-do- Acc 225.25 241.55 +0.79 4.08
UK Smaller Cos 104.83 112.42 +1.31 0.82
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Preference Share 26.13 27.95† -0.04 8.30
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Gold Intl 92.03 98.69† -0.06 0.40
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Global Inc Gth 119.60 127.16 +0.28 1.93
UK Intl 116.96 125.09† +0.02 0.18
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Japan Trust 128.60 137.30† -1.00 ...
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Overseas Gth 77.30 82.41† +0.65 1.02
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Assets Earnings 69.32 73.65† +0.25 1.93
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Managed Invest 88.24 94.25 +0.33 1.17
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European Dist 108.70 115.20 +0.40 1.73
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Accum Units 34.96 37.13† +0.19 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 39.37 41.84 +0.20 ...
Singapore Asean 83.50 88.77† +0.19 0.28
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Global Income 200.00 212.80 -0.20 4.12
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Pacific 272.30 289.70 -3.50 0.56
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UK Equity Gth 36.38 38.70 +0.08 1.66

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Maximum Dist* 99.22 101.20† +0.10 6.91
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Equity Acc 798.50 849.50 +4.80 2.76
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Intl Bond 56.78 60.40 -0.22 4.70
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Contl Euro Gth 51.10 53.79 +0.52 1.29
-do- Acc 54.04 56.89 +0.56 1.29
Extra Inc 235.20 250.30 -2.70 3.87
-do- Acc 581.50 618.70 -6.80 3.87
German Gth 105.20 110.80 +0.80 0.05
-do- Acc 110.40 116.30 +0.90 0.05
Growth Port 484.80 515.80 -2.00 0.57
-do- Acc 484.80 515.80 +2.00 0.57
Income 442.40 470.70 -4.60 3.68
-do- Acc 1136.0 1209.0 -11.00 3.68
Income Port 488.20 519.40 +1.30 4.42
-do- Acc 495.40 527.10 +1.40 4.42
Japan Growth 101.27 107.70 +0.60 0.01
-do- Acc 101.50 108.00 +0.50 0.01
Master Trust 51.38 54.67 +0.26 1.32
-do- Acc 56.56 60.18 +0.28 1.32
N American Gen 183.80 195.60 +2.10 0.01
-do- Acc 212.30 225.90 +2.40 0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec 139.30 148.20 +0.60 0.01
-do- Acc 142.20 151.30 +0.70 0.01
Pacific Basin 202.30 215.20 +2.10 0.64
-do- Acc 213.80 227.50 +2.10 0.64
Small Cos Rec 303.00 319.00 +0.40 2.41
-do- Acc 394.90 415.30 +0.90 2.41
UK Growth 76.03 80.89† -0.71 2.59
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Japan 89.98 95.71 +0.58 ...
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Little Dragons 73.59 78.49 +0.12 0.63
-do- Acc 75.75 80.80 +0.13 0.63
Oriental Income 44.01 46.94 +0.16 3.39
-do- Acc 56.11 59.85 +0.20 3.39
Tiger 210.98 225.04 +1.70 1.17
-do- Acc 221.60 236.43 +1.79 1.17
UK Small Cos 81.64 87.31 +0.10 1.82
-do- Acc 95.26 101.88 +0.12 1.82

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 19.04 20.25 +0.04 0.50
Pacific Basin 32.11 34.15 +0.13 0.60
Canadian Gth 35.44 37.70 -0.55 ...
Global Bond $0.967 $1.008 -0.003 7.14
Penny Share 24.43 25.98 +0.03 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3162
City Reserve 53.05 53.05 +0.01 5.04
Gilt Growth 68.76 71.56 +0.20 ...
Gilt Income 52.95 54.69† +0.11 7.50
Short Dtd Gilt 106.70 110.10 +0.20 ...
US Govmnt Bd $0.716 $0.725 -0.000 ...
Challenger 95.11 97.33 +0.32 ...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 67.28 71.57 +0.31 2.02

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,800	Cadbury	2,000	MB Cardn	1,000	Scot Power	659
Abbey Natl	1,300	Carlton Cm	311	Marks Spr	1,600	Sears	1,800
Alld-Lyons	908	Coats Vyla	1,800	NFC	165	Svrn Trent	388
Anglian W	1,000	Cm Union	468	NatWst Bk	2,800	Shell Trans	1,700
Argyll Gp	1,700	Courtaulds	340	Nat Power	230	Siebe	333
Arjo Wiggn	2,900	De La Rue	225	Nth Wst W	1,000	SmKl Bch	2,900
AB Foods	175	Enterpr Oil	59	Nthrn Fds	149	Smith Nph	1,200
BAA	554	Forte	2,300	P & O	2,300	Std Chartd	647
BAT Inds	2,800	GRE	1,300	Pearson	235	Sun Allnce	550
BOC	2,000	GUS A	59	PowerGen	590	TI Gp	702
BP	5,300	Gen Acc	811	Prudential	8,000	TSB	1,200
BT	5,600	Gen Elec	2,400	RMC	231	Tate & Lyle	1,100
BTR	5,400	Glaxo	1,800	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	3,700
Bk of Scot	324	Granada	1,500	Rank Org	928	Thames W	715
Barclays	3,200	Grand Met	2,600	Reckitt Col	296	Thrn EMI	958
Bass	744	Guinness	1,500	Redland	1,500	Tomkins	3,400
Blue Circle	192	HSBC	1,500	Reed Intl	396	Unilever	888
Boots	8,500	Hanson	3,400	Rentokil	353	Utd Bisc	569
Bowater	2,300	ICI	1,000	Reuters	6,400	Vodafone	521
Brit Aero	462	Inchcape	1,000	Rothmans	56	Warburg (SG)	52
Brit Airways	5,000	Kingfisher	982	Ryl Ins	831	Wellcome	554
Brit Gas	2,500	Ladbroke	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	754
Brit Steel	3,900	Land Secs	923	Sainsbury	2,200	Wlms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cst	141	Legal & Gn	1,600	Scot Hydro	409	Wolseley	643
Cable Wire	1,100	Lloyds Bk	662	Scot & New	677	Zeneca	1,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3558.20 (+11.46)
S&P Composite 448.41 (+1.31)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge 19822.08 (+87.51)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6858.08 (+107.75)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 119.3 (+1.3)

Sydney: AO 1795.7 (-11.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1854.52 (+23.69)

FT 30 share: 2254.2 (+19.6)

Brussels:
General 6725.56 (+10.86)

Paris: CAC 547.68 (-6.02)

Zurich: SKA Gen 552.40 (+7.10)

London:
FT A All-Share 1409.55 (+7.16)
FT 500 1519.55 (+7.41)
FT Gold Mines 214.9 (-3.5)
FT Fixed Interest 117.20 (+0.15)
FT Govt Secs 98.16 (+0.15)
Bargains 25505
SEAQ Volume 483.6m
USM (Datastrm) 139.01 (+0.3)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declarations	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 26/7/93: Alvis, Caverdale, Enterprise Comp, Hanson Wts, Harrstone, IBC, Learmonth, ML Labs, Micro Focus, Premier, Simon Eng, Tadpole, Telemetrix.
Puts: Simon Eng, UK Land.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2839.0	2864.0	2839.0	2858.0	7690
Previous open interest: 49585	Dec 93	2874.0	2875.5	2870.5	2876.5	90
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.12	94.19	94.12	94.15	17959
Previous open interest: 346788	Dec 93	94.35	94.42	94.35	94.39	9527
	Mar 94	94.34	94.38	94.33	94.35	2319
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.57	96.59	96.56	96.58	948
Previous open interest: 14193	Dec 93	96.09	96.10	96.08	96.09	278
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.35	93.43	93.35	93.39	56249
Previous open interest: 674533	Dec 93	93.96	94.00	93.95	93.98	27683
Long Gilt	Sep 93	108-05	108-23	108-05	108-08	32637
Previous open interest: 89886	Dec 93	107-31	107-31	107-31	107-13	6
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.86	110.89	110.78	110.80	1327
	Dec 93	109.92	109.92	109.92	109.89	140
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.18	96.42	96.11	96.26	52121
Previous open interest: 165435	Dec 93	96.36	96.55	96.38	96.40	2632
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.98	100.08	99.98	99.99	1774
Previous open interest: 19486	Dec 93				100.20	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.89	92.97	92.89	92.92	2055
Previous open interest: 31475	Dec 93	93.66	93.74	93.67	93.69	959
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.53	95.57	95.52	95.54	4440
Previous open interest: 45122	Dec 93	95.81	95.83	95.78	95.81	683
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	104.11	104.82	104.11	104.47	16992
Previous open interest: 53587	Dec 93	103.90	104.29	103.90	104.04	145

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.0 (day's range 81.8-82.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9064-2.9177	2.9070-2.9105	par-¼ds	⅛-¼ds
Brussels	53.41-53.88	53.52-53.58	9-15ds	21-31ds
Copenhagen	10.0410-10.0790	10.0530-10.0680	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0700-1.0725	1.0702-1.0722	3-8ds	10-17ds
Frankfurt	2.5838-2.5964	2.5860-2.5893	⅛-¼ds	½-¾ds
Lisbon	258.60-260.31	258.75-259.68	172-197ds	391-471ds
Madrid	206.96-208.27	207.37-208.27	141-190ds	316-381ds
Milan	2405.00-2417.60	2410.50-2415.20	8-10ds	20-24ds
Montreal	1.9169-1.9255	1.9200-1.9228	0.40-0.36pr	0.70-0.58pr
New York	1.4970-1.5025	1.5000-1.5010	0.41-0.40pr	1.06-1.03pr
Oslo	11.0290-11.0740	11.0340-11.0490	par-1¼ds	¾-2¼ds
Paris	8.8240-8.8730	8.8310-8.8450	4¼-5ds	7¼-8¼ds
Stockholm	12.0600-12.1570	12.0600-12.0840	2⅞-3¼ds	5⅞-3⅝pr
Tokyo	159.55-160.40	160.14-160.40	½-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	18.14-18.26	18.19-18.23	⅞-1⅞ds	2-4ds
Zurich	2.2746-2.2838	2.2792-2.2823	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4999-1.5025
Australia dollar	2.2120-2.2151
Bahrain dinar	0.558-0.570
Brazil cruzeiro*	101607.2-101674.9
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland markka	8.762-8.878
Greece drachma	352.5-359.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.6444-11.6534
India rupee	46.49-47.45
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4465-0.4565
Malaysia ringgit	3.8525-3.8566
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.7176-2.7229
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.547-5.673
Singapore dollar	2.4287-2.4318
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7177-6.7523
S Africa rand (com)	5.0278-5.0335
U A E dirham	5.433-5.557

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4731-1.4742
Austria	12.14-12.15
Belgium (Com)	35.76-35.77
Canada	1.2802-1.2807
Denmark	6.7025-6.7045
France	5.8930-5.8945
Germany	1.7250-1.7260
Hong Kong	7.7550-7.7560
Ireland	1.3977-1.3987
Italy	1605.0-1606.0
Japan	106.54-106.61
Malaysia	2.5658-2.5668
Netherlands	1.9412-1.9422
Norway	7.3575-7.3595
Portugal	172.74-173.04
Singapore	1.6175-1.6185
Spain	138.25-138.75
Sweden	8.0570-8.0670
Switzerland	1.5192-1.5197

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth: 5⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞
Interbank:	6-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞

Overnight: open 6 , close 4 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.17-3.15	3.42-3.39	3.69-3.65
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅛-6⅞	7⅛-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅝-6⅜	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc:	13-10	11½-10½	9½-9	8⅛-7⅝	12-10
Swiss Franc:	4⅝-4⅜	4⅝-4⅜	4⅝-4⅜	4⅝-4⅜	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.50-389.90 Close: $392.80-393.30 High: $393.50-394.00
Low: $389.10-389.60 Krugerrand: $392.00-394.00 (£260.75-261.75)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $404.00 (£268.55) Silver: $5.09 (£3.39) Palladium: $139.25 (£92.55)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
All'd Lyons	500	44½	57½	66	1	7	14
(*543½)	550	2	25	35	10	24	35½
Argyll	280	17	29	35	1	8	13½
(*294)	300	2	17	23½	6½	17	22½
ASDA	57	8	9½	-	1	3	-
(*64)	67	1	4½	-	4	8	-
Boots	420	21½	37½	45½	1	11½	19
(*441½)	460	1	16½	25	22½	31½	39½
Br Airways	315	14½	29½	37	1	12	19
(*329)	345	1	14	23	17½	26½	34
BP	280	15	23	29	1	8½	14½
(*294½)	300	1½	12½	19	8	18	23
Br Steel	100	8½	14	19½	1	5½	7½
(*108)	110	1½	9½	14	4	10	13
C & W	750	23½	52½	68½	1½	18½	30
(*773½)	800	1	26	37	31	46	56
CU	580	33	43½	-	1	14½	-
(*612½)	629	1	17½	-	19½	41½	-
ICI	633	19½	37	55½	1½	24	32½
(*653½)	667	3	25	41	10½	38	45
Kingfshr	584	23	41½	-	1	15	-
(*607)	632	1	16½	-	29	41	-
Land Sec	600	9½	32	42½	2	15½	25
(*606½)	650	1	10½	21	45	47½	54
M & S	330	10	23½	30	1½	10½	15½
(*337½)	360	1	9½	16½	23	27	31½
Nat West	460	30	39	51	1	12	17½
(*488½)	500	1½	17½	26½	15	32½	37
Sainsbury	430	48½	55½	65½	1	5	9½
(*467)	460	9½	30	40½	2½	17	25
Shell	600	21½	34	45	1	15	22½
(*619½)	650	1	9	21½	32½	46	51
SmKl Bch	420	22½	40	51	1	15	23
(*442)	460	1	19	31½	21½	39½	43½
Storehse	180	12½	19½	24½	1	5½	9½
(*191)	200	1	8½	14	10½	15½	20½
Trafalgar	101	2	8½	-	3	7½	-
(*99)	110	1	5	-	11½	14½	-
Unilever	950	11½	47½	66	4	28	39½
(*959½)	1000	1	24½	39	46	56½	69
Zeneca	600	19½	38	51	1	22	30½
(*617½)	650	1	15	27½	34	53	60
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	10	27½	38	1½	14	26½
(*398)	420	1	14	25	24½	31½	43½
Ladbroke	180	2	12	16½	3½	15½	19
(*177)	200	1	5	9	24	30	33
Utd Bsc	360	5	23	34	4	21½	29½
(*366)	390	1	10½	22	31½	49½	49½

July 26, 1993 Tot: 28842 Calls: 13470 Puts: 15366 FT-SE Call: 2903 Put: 1960
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	45	66½	72	2	12½	19
(*740)	750	8	36	42½	18	32½	40½
Thames W.	460	20½	35	38	2½	15	19½
(*474½)	500	2	14	18½	27	37½	40½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	23	36	47	5½	15	19½
(*446½)	450	6½	21	32	18	27½	32
BTR	360	17½	26½	33½	2½	11½	14
(*372)	390	2½	12	15	18½	28	30½
Br Aero	390	28	52	66½	7	30	39
(*408½)	420	10½	37½	52	22	45½	55
Br Telcm	390	29½	33	36½	1½	10½	16½
(*417)	420	6	15	21	9	25	32
Cadbury	420	32½	44	54	1½	10½	15
(*451½)	460	5	19	31	15½	28½	33
Guinness	420	27½	43	52½	2½	12½	18
(*444½)	460	4½	21	30½	21	32½	36
GEC	330	13	25	31	3	9	14
(*339)	360	1½	10	16½	22	26	29½
Hanson	220	12	17½	21½	2	7½	12
(*229½)	240	1½	8½	12	12	15½	22½
LASMO	130	11	18	22½	2½	8½	12
(*138)	140	5	13	18	6½	14	17
Lucas	140	7½	15½	19½	4	12	15
(*143½)	160	1½	7	11½	18	25	27½
Pilkingtn	130	6½	14	15	3	8½	13
(*133½)	140	2½	9	11	9½	14½	19
Prudential	300	9½	19	26	5	15	18
(*304)	330	1½	7½	13	28	35	37
Redland	460	28½	43	51	3	19	26
(*481)	500	5	22½	32	23	41½	47
Royal Ins	317	12	24½	32	5	16	19
(*322½)	346	2	11½	18½	25½	33½	36
Tesco	200	9	18	24½	4	11½	15½
(*205)	220	2	8½	15½	17½	23½	27
Vodafone	420	29½	47½	55½	2½	13½	20½
(*446)	460	4½	25	34	20½	32	39
Williams	300	16	25	32½	3	15	17½
(*315)	330	2½	11	18	20½	22	35½

FT-SE INDEX (*2844½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Aug	161	114	72	39	17	6
Sep	171	131	92	63	40	23
Oct	187	149	114	83	60	41
Nov	204	166	133	103	80	57
Dec	218	-	148	-	94	-
Puts						
Aug	6½	11	22	39	72	112
Sep	17	24	37	59	85	121
Oct	25	37	51	71	98	135
Nov	35	48	66	55	114	143
Dec	45	-	76	-	122	-

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	15	29	36	12	18½	25½
(*396)	420	4½	16	22	32½	36½	43
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6½	2	3	3½
(*32)	35	2	3½	4½	4½	5½	6½
Barclays	460	25	38½	47	12	21	28
(*473½)	500	7	20½	25	38	44½	51
Blue Circ	240	18½	25½	31½	7	15	18½
(*250)	260	8½	16	22	17½	26½	29½
Br Gas	280	20	24½	29	4	10½	12
(*293½)	300	8	13	19	12	21½	24½
Dixons	200	20	24½	34½	5½	11	14½
(*212)	220	9	19	24	15	20½	24½
Forte	220	12	13½	26	10½	17	21½
(*221)	240	4½	11	17½	24	29½	33
Hillsdwn	130	14½	19½	23	4	9	11½
(*138½)	140	8½	14	17½	8½	14½	16
Lonrho	130	10	16	21	6	10½	14
(*129)	140	5½	11½	15	11½	15½	19½
Sears	90	8½	11½	13	2	4	5
(*96)	100	3	5½	7½	6½	9½	10½
Thrn EMI	900	50	67½	77	16½	28½	39½
(*946½)	950	16	41	52	44½	55	65
Tomkins	200	23	28	32	3½	7½	10½
(*220½)	220	8	16	21½	12	16½	19½
TSB	180	17½	23	26½	4	7½	12½
(*194)	200	6½	13	16	14½	18	23
Wellcome	600	59½	77	89½	11	28	34½
(*641½)	650	23	49	61½	30½	52	59
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	500	51½	61½	75	8½	24½	35
(*541)	550	22	35½	52	30	50	61
HSBC	600	49½	58	83½	13½	25½	44
(*634)	650	20½	41½	61	37½	53	68½
Reuter	1400	72	115	46½	39½	60½	91
(*1441½)	1450	45	89	19½	54½	55	115
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	130	16	19½	22	3	3½	10
(*140½)	140	9	14½	17½	7½	14	15½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	5	16	19	2	20½	15½
(*156½)	180	1	7½	11	18½	23½	28
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Ele	460	32½	47	54	1½	8	14½
(*489½)	500	5	22	30½	15½	24½	32
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	330	33	42½	46½	3	8	12½
(*356½)	360	13	24	28½	13	20	24½
Scot Pwr	310	18	23½	-	6½	11	-
(*323)	330	5½	13	17½	19½	22½	26½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar sold off heavily, with traders getting frustrated at the lack of physical business reported recently. The fracturing of the old Soviet buying system has meant that instead of one or two key purchasing firms there is now a multitude of small players. The sugar market is therefore fed piece meal with demand information, and often most of the trade is unaware of the amount of business done.

LONDON FOX COCOA
Jul 748-745 Sep 814 SLR
Sep 755-753 Dec 825-823
Dec 766-764 Mar 836-834
Mar 752-750 May 849-845
May 792-790
Jul 805 SLR Volume: 3250

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Jul 970-962 Mar 998 SLR
Sep 995-993 May unq
Nov 1004-1001 Jul unq
Jan 1000-996 Volume: 996

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec unq
Spot unq Mar -
May unq May -
Aug - Aug -
Oct - Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters May 264.9-64.1
Spot 265.0 Aug 260.8-60.0
Oct 256.4-55.0 Oct 261.5-60.0
Dec 256.0-56.7 Dec 264.8-58.0
Mar 261.0-60.2 Volume: 906

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average livestock prices at representative markets on July 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	76.54	99.45	132.11
(+/-)	-4.59	-4.44	-1.07
Eng/Wales:	76.57	99.62	131.60
(+/-)	-4.46	-5.04	-1.00
(%)	-25.0	-15.4	-33.3
Scotland:	74.04	87.94	137.94
(+/-)	-11.95	-2.45	-0.44
(%)	-73.8	-51.6	-48.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)
	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	101.5	102.0	Oct	102.0	102.0
Sep	100.5	100.5		Volume: 15	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 105.75
Nov 107.00
Jan 109.15
Mar 111.25
May 113.25
Volume: 116

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 101.35
Nov 103.55
Jan 105.95
Mar 107.70
May 108.65
Volume: 68

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug 182.00
Oct 181.00
Dec 182.00
Feb 182.50
Apr 183.30
Volume: 20

POTATO
(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	87.9	87.1
May	96.0	96.5
	Volume: 57	

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No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Aug 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Opec president Ping returned to Gabon without achieving unity between Gulf members. The market was mixed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical	16.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.90	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.90	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.90	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.15	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (-1)	195 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	161 (-1)	162 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Sep	162 (-1)	163 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (-1)	59 (-1)
Naphtha	161 (n/c)	163 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Aug 160.00-60.25 Nov 164.00-64.25
Sep 160.25-60.50 Dec 166.00-66.50
Oct 162.25-62.75 Jan 167.50-68.00
Vol: 9139

BRENT (6.00pm)
Sep 16.81-16.82 Dec 17.17-17.19
Oct 16.87-16.88 Jan unq
Nov 17.02-17.03 Vol: 15042

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Aug 182.50-83.50 Nov unq
Sep unq Dec unq
Oct unq Vol: 5

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1340	1340	1342
Aug 93	1300	1295	1298
Sep 93	1335	1335	1335
Oct 93	1380	1375	1374

Vol: 242 lots Open int'st: 3682 Index 1348 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1929.0-1930.0	1928.0-1928.5	92100
Lead ($/tonne)	390.00-390.50	403.50-404.00	5500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	921.00-922.00	938.00-939.00	335475
Tin ($/tonne)	4900.0-4905.0	4959.0-4960.0	9440
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1189.0-1190.0	1212.0-1213.0	114347
Nickel ($/tonne)	4790.0-4800.0	4860.0-4865.0	2942

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Good gains in thin trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings end July 30. §Contango day August 2. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	395	+1	11.5	3.6	15.2
263	179	Allied Irish	253	+1	...	4.5	12.9
183	130	Aust New Z	176½	-1½	...	5.1	...
3807½	2712½	Bankamerica	2807½	+6½	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	228 †	+2	...	5.9	16.8
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.5	...
159	116½	Bank Scotland	153	+2	4.5	3.7	20.5
496	362	Barclays	474	+6	...	4.0	...
513	395	Cater Allen	504	+8	27.0	6.7	...
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
370	290	Close Bros	362	+2	...	3.3	16.1
1562	876	Fuji Bank Y	1543	+6	...	0.3	∞
465	348	Gerrard Nat	433	+2	21.5	6.3	11.5
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	408	...	16.0	4.9	14.1
590	492	Lloyds	567	+9	18.4	4.1	16.2
474	322	Nat Aust Bk	465	...	...	4.4	16.1
507	398	Nat West	489	+3	17.5	4.5	29.7
397	270	Provident	384	+10	11.4	3.7	18.6
1010	467½	Schroders	1010	+15	...	1.4	20.1
852	576	Stand Chart	833	+5	20.0	3.0	...
159	78	Union Disc	158	+7	...	...	...
741	520	Warburg SG	717	+1	...	3.3	18.1
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7437½	+50	...	1.4	...
184	121	Westpac	176	-1	...	4.3	...
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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100¼	99¾	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.70
106¾	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	...	13.41	5.63

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

LONGS (over 15 years)

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Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

Help from City given to enterprise agency

BY DEREK HARRIS

EAST London Small Business Centre, an enterprise agency established 15 years ago, has gained a new shot in the arm from sponsorship by the London Stock Exchange. City institutions have been building a reputation for offering help to small firms in their part of the capital.

Mark King, the agency's chief executive, said: "The Stock Exchange has made a generous gesture which will help us maintain the level of services." Other sponsors include Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banker, Grand Metropolitan group and Tate & Lyle, both with East End links.

The agency operates in the Tower Hamlets and Newham local authority districts of London's East End, which, although adjacent to the City's square mile, are among the most deprived areas of the country, with populations nearly one third ethnic and unemployment standing at well above the 15 per cent mark. It offers impartial small business help at no cost, but a key aim is prompting expansion of existing businesses.

East London Small Business Centre is expanding its services. One will be a comprehensive export service for Tower Hamlets, with an export library being set up. Recent participation in some Paris fashion events has produced orders worth £120,000 to local businesses. Clothing and leatherware businesses are to be helped exhibit soon in Dublin, Copenhagen, Cologne and Paris.

The agency already runs a programme to help firms take advantage of the European market, with specialist help available to assess a firm's growth prospects.

The agency carries out more than 3,000 individual counselling sessions a year to help small businesses, and, under the aegis of the London East Training and Enterprise Council (LETEC), it runs a business start-up scheme for Tower Hamlets. The scheme is a three-day training course plus an 18-month monitoring of subsequent progress.



"Wait a minute. I'm sure there's some in here somewhere"

Tough task of making art pay

BY ROGER PEARSON

A HUSBAND and wife who have built a £100,000-a-year business in the recession say that they feel let down by financial institutions and business support agencies.

In 1989, Jaqueline Henderson, a graphic artist, and Peter Carter, a business graduate, both then 32, set up a business renting paintings and sculptures to businesses and to make vacant buildings look "lived-in". It was a field in which Ms Henderson had worked in her native New Zealand. However, when she and her husband set up, as Original Rentals (later becoming Henderson Carter Art), in their London home, they found potential backers sceptical.

"We finally managed to get a £3,000 overdraft from a bank, but to say they were reluctant to back us would be an understatement," Ms Henderson said. "And we were tied to stricter terms of repayment than you would be for a much larger personal loan to buy something like a car for private use."

The couple turned to enterprise agencies, but found little support there either. However, with the overdraft and income from Mr Carter's three days a week as a computer consultant, they went ahead with their plan. Now, four years on, they are firmly established in a difficult niche in the art market with turnover of about £100,000 a year and expect to double that within two years.

About 30 artists regularly provide work, a catalogue has more than 500 paintings and sculptures any time.



MARTIN BIDDALL

In the frame: Jaqueline Henderson and Peter Carter, who rent paintings and sculptures to businesses

Within eight months of the business starting, a friend of the couple offered to put his money where banks and enterprise agencies would not. They formed a limited company and he took 20 per cent for £10,000. "That gave us scope to equip ourselves properly and get the business on a more professional footing," Mr Carter said.

The problem remained of overcoming resistance to the concept of rented art. "Perseverance, a thick skin and a lot of leg work" is wearing it down, Ms Henderson says. Customers include the commercial property wing of Lloyds Bank, which uses the service to decorate vacant buildings. "In that way, I suppose the recession has worked in our favour," Mr Carter said. "There are a lot of vacant buildings around at the moment and pictures on the walls undoubtedly make them look more attractive to prospective tenants."

The weekly charge is 1 per cent of the value of the works, which range from £200 to £2,000. Pieces stay owned by the artist, who receives a percentage. That arrangement limited start-up costs, but the couple still regret lacking backing. "If we had been given the financial backing we wanted at the beginning, we would have become established far quicker," Mr Carter said.

BRIEFINGS

A 25 per cent jump in turnover reported by members of the Association of British Factors & Discounters (ABFD) for the second quarter of this year indicates accelerated recovery by smaller businesses, the ABFD said. The burden of bad debts and late payments also seems to be starting to lift, it said. The association's 11 members reported clients' bad debts down 6 per cent in value in the first half, with the number of such debts cut by more than a third. The average time to collect debts has dropped from 62 days to 59. A NatWest review by the Small Business Research Trust says small businesses have shrunk 6.6 per cent in two years.

☐ Business angels are being sought in the North West and the Thames Valley by National Westminster Bank. The aim is to test the prospects for creating a national database of business angels — investors interested in funding small businesses and possibly also helping through individual expertise. Enquiries to Peter Ives, NatWest Technology Unit, Fenchurch Exchange, Fenchurch Place, EC2 (071-374 3734).

☐ Although management buyout and buy-in activity slackened in the first half of the year, fewer firms of this kind have, year-on-year, gone bust, compared with the national average for all companies, the Centre for Management Buyout Research said. Receiverships declined to the lowest for three years.

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Our right to a fair trial

Lord Scarman
finds the report good in parts

The Royal Commission has produced a far-reaching report. Overall it emphasizes the need to reform the system without abandoning the cardinal adversarial principles that the prosecution must prove its case beyond reasonable doubt without help from the accused.

Unfortunately, some of its detailed recommendations whittle away at that cardinal principle. To take the pre-trial stage, there was a body of opinion which favoured supervision by a judge of both police investigations and of the prosecution preparation of the case. But the commission makes the sound point that the professional investigators are the police and they should be entrusted to investigate, with safeguards such as audio-taping of interrogations; ensuring the accused is told *properly* of his right to legal advice.

On defence disclosure, I believe we should be careful before allowing adverse inferences to be drawn from a suspect's refusal to disclose his case. There is something to be said for a preliminary hearing before a judge, where issues can be examined, agreement reached on expert evidence and there is a chance to ensure the defence has access to expert evidence.

I applaud the proposals for a forensic advisory council and public sector laboratories. But I am not persuaded by the commission on confession evidence; that in a murder case, for instance, you can get a conviction on the strength of a confession alone. That was partly the mistake in the Guildford Four case.

I am particularly opposed to the commission's proposal to give magistrates the right to determine whether an accused can go to trial by jury. That is a denial by magistrates of the right to trial by jury which is as old as the Magna Carta. It is for Parliament to decide what offences attract the right to jury trial, not for magistrates.

Finally, on the Court of Appeal, the commission recommends that the test of whether the conviction is "unsafe or unsatisfactory" be replaced by whether it is "unsafe". I think that is right. If, for any reason, the court feels the conviction is unsafe, it must allow the appeal, but it does not have to quash the conviction. It must also be able to order retrials.

For me, though, the most important proposal is that for a Criminal Cases Review Authority. I should have preferred an independent tribunal, with judicial powers to quash convictions or order retrials; but I see why the commission wanted that power to remain with the Court of Appeal. If the test that the court applies to convictions is altered; and judges are persuaded to take a broader and deeper look at what is "fresh" evidence, then I am content with this proposal.

The reforms require a huge change in attitude among the police, Crown Prosecution Service, legal profession and judges. Even tougher will be educating those involved in the criminal justice system to a higher level of competence. It is no easy task.



CHRIS HARRIS

Lord Scarman talks to people on the streets of Brixton: "The right to trial by jury is as old as the Magna Carta," he says

Police must be investigators — but not prosecutors

Two roles should not be confused

IN Scotland, where there is a state prosecutor, the Procurator Fiscal, the role of the police as investigators has not been confused with the role of the prosecutor. This may be one reason why the Scots have not suffered the celebrated cases with which the English system is now trying to come to terms.

The commission did not recommend such a radical departure as the introduction of state prosecutors. It did recommend greater co-operation between the police and the Crown Prosecution Service, but it will still be the police's responsibility to gather all evidence.

The system will not have moved far from the position prior to the creation of the CPS, where the police identified and questioned suspects and then either conducted the prosecution themselves or briefed others to do so. It is no wonder, then, that the police themselves and the public have come to see a conviction as the outcome by which success should be measured. The series of cases where convictions have been overturned by the Court of Appeal indicates that the system of investigation and prosecution is beginning to break down. This reflects the conflict inherent in the twin objectives set for the police of investigation and prosecution.

The police investigation remains the nearest our system of justice gets to a search for the truth. It is the foundation on which any prosecution will be based but the investigation has all too often been subordinated to the primary concern to get suspects convicted. When convictions are not obtained, the police pay a heavy price in picking up the responsibility for failure, including failures by the other parties in the system such as the CPS, prosecuting counsel, judges and juries.

How then are the police to get themselves off the hook? The first step should be to redefine the police role as neutral searchers for the truth and establishers of the facts. They must become investigators *not* prosecutors.

TOM WILLIAMSON

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A free hand to end injustice

"The scrupulous observance of constitutional principles has meant a reluctance on the part of the Home Office to enquire deeply enough into the cases put to it and, given the constitutional background, we do not think that this is likely to change significantly in the future."

So said the Royal Commission when recommending an independent body to review miscarriages of justice. Liberty believes that many of the commission's proposals are wrong in principle, are likely to increase the numbers of miscarriages of justice, or do not go far enough. But this particular recommendation should be implemented without delay.

The Home Office receives some 800 letters a year from people alleging they are victims of miscarriages of justice. Justice, the law reform group, has a similar number and Liberty has files on 200 people in prison, whose cases we believe deserve investigation.

Nearly everyone agrees that a new review body is necessary and that the present arrangements whereby C3 division of the Home Office looks at cases and then makes recommendations to the Home Secretary are inadequate.

> 'Many proposals are likely to increase injustices'

The proposed Criminal Cases Review Authority is not subject to the controversy of some of the other proposals and could be set up without changes elsewhere in the system, other than to the Criminal Appeals Act and on legal aid.

In doing so, it must be right, as the commission recommends, that the body is independent of the courts and the Home Office. The proposal to allow the Court of Appeal to refer cases to the authority is a necessary adjunct to this independence. It is also important that the Home Secretary retains the power to recommend the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy.

The authority needs to command respect. A first task will be appointing the members who will control its work and staff. The membership must reflect its client group and thus, at least at present, there will need to be an over-representation of people from ethnic minorities. It should also have one or more individuals with direct experience of the problems faced by prisoners asserting wrongful convictions.

The commission has suggested that the government appoints the members. But perhaps, at the very least, the appointments should be vetted by an independent parliamentary committee. Contrary to the commission's view, Liberty believes that the authority will need to employ its own investigators and cannot rely on police goodwill to do its work for it.

It is a little ironic, given the number of miscarriages of justice that have been caused by the failure of the prosecution to disclose *all* documents and other material, that the commission should recommend that the authority would not have to disclose the report produced for it by the police following the investigation — a report likely to contain an assessment of the evidence and give a view on the safety of the conviction.

The reasons given by the commission for this view are inadequate in themselves and may result from a mistaken view of the law. In addition, it takes the view that the authority should not be subject to judicial review. Surely it is fundamental that any public authority must be answerable to the courts for its actions.

Despite the commission's contrary view, the authority should also have its own powers to search premises, seize documents and compel the attendance of witnesses; and have legal aid for the period when the authority is investigating a case.

Finally, the commission recommends a change to the Criminal Appeals Act 1968 to ensure that the court is clear that it can and should overturn convictions even where there are no technical errors of law or no fresh evidence. However good the authority turns out to be, it will have little impact if the Court of Appeal is not prepared to listen to the cases referred to it.

JOHN WADHAM

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Second opinion needed

The home secretary should refer the report of the Royal Commission to the court of second opinions on at least four grounds: its failure to come to terms with the values which the criminal justice system should espouse, the role of research, the development of public confidence in a badly damaged system and the role of the media.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure chaired by Sir Cyril Philips, which reported in 1981, was uninspiring in so far as it relied for its objectives on the tired old metaphor of balancing values. But at least it articulated a jurisprudence.

The Runciman commission fails to look at international law or moral philosophy for any guiding principles within the sphere of criminal justice. Nor does it look at general trends in other areas of the law, government and society, where there is growing emphasis on the giving of reasons, openness and participation, which could be described as the values of charterism. Instead, it leaps to "analysis" without any clear sense of the full range of values at stake, such as respecting rights and developing accountability.

Its attitude to research is also disastrous. It mostly avoids doctrinal as well as theoretical analysis, referring tricky questions instead to the Law Commission. There is a veneer of comparative research into exotic foreign "inquisitorial" systems, but when it comes to applying lessons from outside England and Wales, the commission is reluctant.

> The report has failed on at least four counts

The commission even missed the significance of its own observation by failing to draw on the system closest to that of England and Wales, namely Northern Ireland. Most astonishingly, the chapter on the right to silence ignores the 1988 restrictions on that right in Northern Ireland (applying to all cases, not just terrorist-related ones) and the burgeoning case-law, much of it Strasbourg-bound.

The commission is most enthusiastic about empirical research. The assumption seems to be that specialist researchers find out what happens and the great and good on the commission can then discern what should happen. The leap from one to the other is not so simple, however, and is not explained in anything like convincing detail. Even if the leap could be made, it is strange to find that the recommendation that magistracy be given more power, in lieu of juries, is not backed by any research into how magistrates function.

It is hard to imagine how the commission will inspire confidence without any sense of purpose and no coherent approach to research. Above all, it has no understanding of public confidence itself.

It was also churlish of the commission not to mention the sterling work of the media in highlighting the miscarriages of justice which caused it to be set up.

Nothing in the report explains, for example, how it was that the media's inquisitorial methods trounced the adversarial legal system in establishing the truth in various cases.

This is not to say that there is nothing of merit in the report. The Criminal Cases Review Authority (CCRA), for example, will be a desirable reform, although its need was so stunningly obvious that its advent was merely delayed by the commission's appointment. The CCRA will certainly be very busy if the rest of the report is all we have to expect by way of reform.

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The axe still falls

THE green shoots of recovery are yet to sprout at Norton Rose, where 30 lawyers have been made redundant. They include 15 senior lawyers, some of whom have been with Norton Rose for more than nine years.

The firm has also reduced the number of administrative staff by 57 since September and says that the process will continue.

Going up

LORD Justice Lloyd, who is sitting this week (along with Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld) on the Maastricht legal challenge mounted by Lord Rees-Mogg, will probably just beat the case to the House of Lords.

Whichever side wins at this stage, the case is expected to be pursued hot-foot to the Court of Appeal and then to the House of Lords. Lord Justice Lloyd's elevation to the most senior court in the land, along with Lord Justice Nolan, was announced last week: they replace Lord Griffiths and Lord Lowry, who are resigning respectively at the end of September and in January.

Outs



Ambushed

RODGER Pannone should have looked a little red-faced as he delivered his inaugural speech as the Law Society's new president to the society's annual general meeting. He outlined his theme for the year, "Lawyers serving the community" and spoke against the "exorbitant" cost of going to law. He went on to say that some people sometimes wrongly see solicitors as the "architects and defenders" of an inefficient system.

But just that morning the Law Society council had voted to withdraw until October a much-heralded paper that proposed to curb the practice of "ambush charging". Under the proposal, which the council wants to consider in "greater depth", solicitors who fail to inform clients in advance of their likely charges will have their bills docked.

The decision is not exactly the best advertisement for how solicitors intend to serve the community during Mr Pannone's year of office.

Time is money

A FIRM of solicitors which admitted missing a deadline for issuing proceedings was ordered to pay £70,000 damages by the High Court last week. Bradbury's, a south London firm, failed to take the action against Dartford Borough Council after Patricia Hillman lost her husband and daughter in a council-house fire 12 years ago.

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The BCCI gravy train rolls on

The bank's liquidation has led to criticism over the fees involved, writes **David Conn**

The collapse of BCCI, said to be the biggest and most complex insolvency of all time, is producing harsh criticism of lawyers. Keith Vaz, the MP campaigning for the 30,000 British depositors and 4,000 former employees of the collapsed bank, said last week: "The lawyers acting in the liquidation have done very well out of it, with minimal results for depositors." One member of the informal creditors' committee called the liquidation "outrageous", and "the greatest scandal concerning innocent people that I can remember".

The liquidators, Touche Ross, and their solicitors, Lovell White Durrant, have had the task of unravelling the byzantine operations of BCCI, which had branches in 69 countries.

A US Grand Jury indictment against the founder of the bank, Agha Hasan Abedi, and Swaleh Naqvi, his deputy, alleges a 20-year worldwide scheme to defraud.

Another indictment, against other BCCI officials, alleging money laundering, follows a 1990 conviction of BCCI employees for laundering drugs money. The bank's customer list included Colombian drug dealers, Manuel Noriega, the former Panama dictator, and the terrorist Abu Nidal. Of worldwide assets of $14 billion, more than $12 billion is thought to be in a "black hole", and is unlikely to be recovered without litigation.

A report by Price Waterhouse, delivered to the Bank of England in June 1991, prompting it to shut BCCI, called the operation "probably one of the most complex deceptions in banking history".

The liquidators' attempts to recover depositors' money now rest on obtaining approval for a compensation agreement with the ruling family of Abu Dhabi, and on succeeding in litigation against the Bank of England, Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, previously the joint auditors of the bank.

According to Peter Horrocks, head of a 26-strong BCCI team at Lovell White Durrant, these could lead eventually to recovery of "30 to 40 pence in the pound" for creditors.

Depositors have received up to a maximum of £15,000 under the Bank of England's statutory compensation scheme, but many believe this is not enough. The report into the bank's role in the débâcle, headed by Lord Justice Bingham, was heavily critical, describing the bank's supervisory approach as "deficient".

> Accountants and lawyers have spent £1 million a week

Giles Radice, MP, the chair of the Treasury Sub-committee on BCCI, argued in the Commons that in the light of the Bingham report, which he called a "complete diatribe against the Bank of England", the bank itself should pay full compensation to depositors. However, the bank has refused; a spokesman said last week: "We are there to protect depositors' money, not to guarantee it."

The liquidators and representative depositors, forced to sue for damages, claim in the writs that the bank was "guilty of misfeasance [wrongful use of authority] in public office in failing to regulate or supervise" BCCI. Under the 1987 Banking Act, lawyers will have to prove more than negligence — the Bank of England is immune unless it is shown to have acted "in bad faith".

Neither the bank, nor Freshfields, its lawyers, is prepared to comment on the claim, apart from saying that it believes it has "a complete defence".

David Natali is the litigation partner at Herbert Smith, the City solicitors in charge of defending Price Waterhouse against the estimated $8 billion claim for breach of its duty of care as auditor. The case has not even begun in earnest; the statement of claim, relating to the audits of 1985, '86 and '87 is due to be served on September 1 this year. The defence is due by the end of February 1994. Mr Natali says that the action will be fought "tooth and nail". The liquidators are pressing ahead with acquiring the necessary approvals for the agreement with Abu Dhabi in the teeth of determined opposition by some creditors. Under the agreement, the ruling family, headed by Shaikh Zayed, would pay $1.7 billion into a fund.

In return, Abu Dhabi will be released from any potential claims by Touche Ross, and will be entitled to half of any money recovered from the other action.

The creditors' committee in the UK was advised by James Lingard of Norton Rose that the shaikh's family, as the controllers of the bank, could potentially be liable to huge actions. A claim is proceeding in America, under the Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organisation Act, against the shaikh.

The committee unanimously voted against the agreement, preferring the liquidators to explore further litigation against Abu Dhabi. However, the vice-chancellor, Sir Donald Nicholls, approved the agreement, deciding that an action against the ruling family would be too lengthy and uncertain. Mr Lingard thinks "the British government would not favour litigation against Abu Dhabi, although the vice-chancellor would not have been swayed by that".

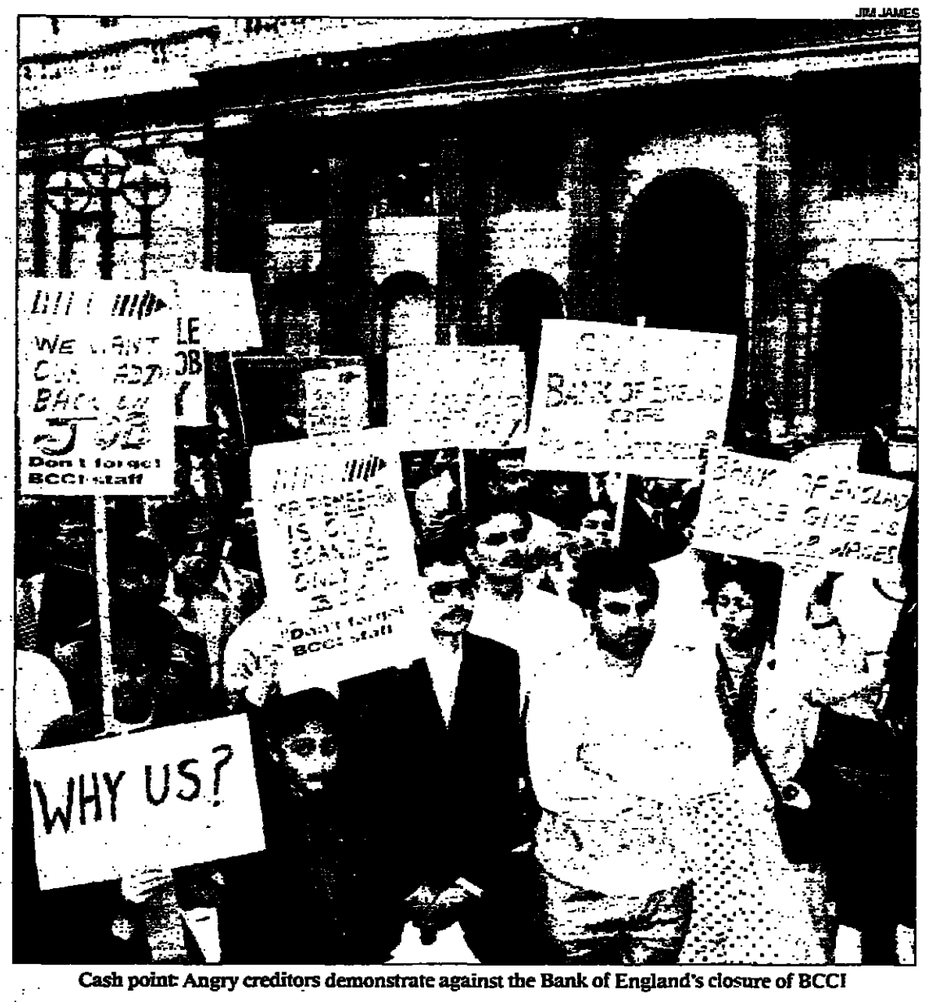
City solicitors have again been faced with the criticism that they profit excessively from insolvencies. The most recently published figure for Touche Ross's legal fees in the UK was $37 million, paid to Freshfields, Lovell White Durrant and other solicitors and barristers.

Mr Radice says that "the lawyers will wax fat", and believes that the court does not question the fees adequately before it approves them. Mr Vaz is scathing. "Frankly", he says, "the only people to make a lot of money are the accountants and lawyers acting in the liquidation, who have unlimited access to funds.

"They have spent £1 million a week, a huge amount for an insolvent bank. The victims have received nothing but statutory compensation."

Mr Horrocks, impatient with this criticism, says: "Perhaps if people understood the complexity and magnitude of this liquidation, they might understand our fees better."

With litigation set to continue into the next century, the victims of BCCI and the professionals administering it will have ample time to reflect on their contrasting fortunes.



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Eversheds wants to recruit a London firm to its organisation

In Atlanta this week two partners from the Manchester office of Eversheds, now the third biggest law firm in Britain, will celebrate a multi-million pound acquisition on behalf of an American corporation, a deal in which Lehman Brothers has also been involved.

For a firm that did not exist five years ago and whose members were considered good provincial lawyers but hardly in the jet-setting league, this is some achievement.

But multi-nationals and plcs are becoming Eversheds's bread and butter and the by-product is that the firm wants to recruit a leading London outfit to join its organisation. Last week, Victor Semmens, the Eversheds chairman, made no secret of the aim to link with a top London firm to provide a City dimension to his regionally based organisation.



Searching: Semmens

The potential list of partners is small. The Linklaters, Clifford Chance, Freshfields, Slaughter & May and other such leading firms would not be interested. That leaves fewer than a dozen names.

Mr Semmens says: "In the regional centres where we have our other offices we are always market leaders, so there is no point in recruiting for London anything other than a market leader."

The decision to seek a leading London presence reflects both success and frustration. Eversheds has proved a success and a challenging addition to the legal industry in England and Wales. The firm has been involved in deals such as the Leyland-Daf management buy-out and has acted for ACT in its acquisition of BIS, another software group.

Spurred by this, Eversheds can go courting in London with credibility.

Yet, by definition, the move is also an admission that Eversheds needs a London presence the City cannot be ignored. In its embryo stages, the firm played down the capital's importance, emphasising that its strength lay in the regions. "The type of work we are attracting now", says Mr Semmens, "demands a significant London presence." So now Eversheds is bowing to the inevitable.

The names of potential partners are not being spelt out but Nabarro Nathanson seems a soul mate. With a presence in the North, Nabarro Nathanson has shown itself willing to get involved outside London.

A London expansion for Eversheds will put the fate of a lot of individual lawyers in the balance. The original member firms which came together to make up Eversheds built their strength on young lawyers who had trained in the City but fled to provincial cities because they disliked metropolitan and corporate life.

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Our own experience in legal recruitment confirms the MSL figures, although the strongest upturn appears to be in the North. Many law firms in London and the South East still retain surplus staff taken on during the recruitment binge of the late eighties. They are also feeling the winds of competition from the provinces, as clients tend increasingly to shop around and send their work to firms in Leeds and Manchester.

Several Northern firms have recently 'unfrozen' their salaries after pay freezes lasting two years, and are now actively 'team building' in a variety of non-contentious areas. The number of vacancies in property, commercial law, intellectual property, pensions, and private client has grown rapidly, with some firms requiring a dozen or more new fee-earners. Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool lead the way, but there are signs of recovery in Newcastle and Sheffield, and also among the smaller practices throughout the North West and North East.

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Term does not exclude set-off

Connaught Restaurants Ltd v Indoor Leisure Ltd

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 19]

A provision in a lease that the rent should be paid "without any deductions" was too ambiguous to exclude the tenant's equitable right to set off unliquidated claims for damages for the landlord's breach of covenant against the rent due.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the tenants, Indoor Leisure Ltd, from the decision of Judge Bowsher, QC, who sitting as an official referee had on June 10, 1992 held that the tenants' equitable right of set-off had been so excluded.

There were serious breaches of covenant by the landlords, Connaught Restaurants Ltd, causing the tenants to cease payment of rent. The judge gave judgment for the landlords in their action for unpaid rent of £202,690 plus interest and judgment for the tenants on their counterclaim for damages of £435,760 plus interest for breach of covenant.

Each party was awarded the costs of the claim and counterclaim respectively and the two sets of costs were ordered to be set off against each other.

Mr Colin Rimer, QC and Mr Robert Powell-Jones for the tenants; Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr Mark Warwick for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the tenants contended that, since they were the real victors with a substantial surplus of damages over rent, the judge ought to have given judgment with costs for the tenants in the plaintiff landlords' action for rent, and judgment with costs for the defendant tenants on their counterclaim in a sum representing the excess of the damages over the rent, with interest on the balance.

An order in that form would produce a substantially more favourable result for the tenants, in terms not only of costs but also of interest.

It was accepted by the landlords that if the tenants' right of equitable set-off had not been excluded by the lease, the tenants were entitled to have the order expressed in that way.

The primary meaning of the verb "to deduct" was given in the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary* as "to take away or subtract from a sum or amount" and of the noun "deduction" as "the action of deducting or taking away; subtraction; that which is deducted".

The relevant issue was the effect of the use of the formula "without any deduction (except as required by any Act)".

Submissions were first addressed to the general instances which were to be found in the authorities of the use by judges indiscriminately of the expressions "deduction" and "set-off" to describe the state of affairs which arose when a claim was matched, or partly matched, with a cross-claim to which rights of set-off were accorded in equity.

In none of those authorities was the court required to decide whether, in the particular document under consideration, there was any material distinction to be drawn between the terms "deduction" and "set-off".

There were, however, two decisions at first instance and one Commonwealth authority in which it did become necessary to grapple with the issue.

Mr Rimer urged the court to take the view that the New Zealand court in *Grant v NZMC Ltd* ([1989] 1 NZLR 8) was right in its basic approach to the case, namely that the word "deduction" did not in its natural sense embrace a set-off. Mr Lewison submitted that that decision was wrong and should not be followed.

The court was referred to an unreported decision of Mr Justice Clarke, dated February 17, 1993 in *Alchurst v Stena Sealink Ltd* where it was held that "without any deduction" meant without deduction of any kind including any deduction by way of equitable set-off.

There had been an earlier decision on a similar provision, that of Mr Justice Steyn in *Famous Army Stores v Meehan* ([1993] 9 EGLR 111) where he upheld a decision of the district registrar that set-off had been excluded by the lease.

In his Lordship's judgment, clear words were needed to exclude a tenant's remedy of an equitable right of set-off. The word "deduction" could not be accurately described as a clear word.

It followed that the simple expression "without any deduction" was insufficient by itself, in the absence of any context suggesting the contrary, to operate by implication as an exclusion of the tenant's equitable right of set-off.

Added words of exception or qualification were relevant to the construction of such a phrase, but they too were subject to the general requirement of clarity and would only be effective to displace the tenant's right of equitable set-off if their effect was to create a clear context for exclusion.

The term "deduction" was one of those words for which the convenience of flexibility had been achieved at the price of some inherent ambiguity.

Draftsmen who were concerned to exclude the tenant's equitable right of set-off would therefore be well advised to do so explicitly.

In his Lordship's judgment *Famous Army Stores* and *Alchurst* should not be followed. The approach, although not the entire reasoning, of the New Zealand court in *Grant* was correct.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: McBride Wilson & Co; Howard Kennedy.

Suing over alleged pecuniary loss

Lonrho plc and Others v Fayed and Others (No 5)

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Evans

[Judgment July 22]

Defamatory statements which caused pecuniary loss could give rise to an action in tort for conspiracy.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by Lonrho plc against an order of Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny that an action by Lonrho and two other plaintiffs, Mr R. W. Rowland and Sir Edward Du Cann, against the defendants, Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, Mr Ali Fayed, House of Fraser plc, Mr Richard New, Mr David Royston Webb and Mr Michael Cole, be struck out.

Mr John Beveridge, QC, Mr Harvey McGregor, QC and Mr David Mildon for the plaintiffs; Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Alastair Walton for all defendants except the fourth; Mr Edward Faulks for the fourth defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that since 1985 there had been acrimony between Lonrho and Mr Rowland and the first two defendants as a result of the circumstances in which in 1985 the Fayeds succeeded in gaining control of House of Fraser plc. One result of that had been a substantial amount of litigation and the principal action awaited trial next year.

The matters in issue in the present action were said by the Fayeds to represent a counter-attack, in self-defence, by them against Lonrho in order to induce Lonrho to abandon its persistent campaign of vilification against the Fayeds.

There was a campaign of vilification against Lonrho and Mr Rowland carried on ostensibly by a Miss Francesca Pollard in her own name and for her own reasons.

In the course of that campaign scurrilous letters were sent by Miss Pollard to a large number of people, including people in responsible positions in the public services of countries where Lonrho did business or was hoping to do business.

It was said by the plaintiffs, and for present purposes accepted by the defendants, that that campaign of Miss Pollard's was clandestinely sponsored and encouraged by the defendants. It was said further, but disputed, that the campaign was thus sponsored and encouraged with the purpose of injuring the plaintiffs.

There was no doubt that much that was circulated in documents circulated by Lonrho was, unless true, plainly defamatory of the Fayeds, and much that was said in Miss Pollard's letters was, unless true, plainly defamatory of Lonrho and Mr Rowland. But no proceedings in defamation had been brought by either side.

The present action claimed damages and injunctive relief against the defendants in respect of, inter alia, Miss Pollard's campaign and its alleged consequences. The cause of action relied on was that form of the tort of conspiracy which had been referred to as a "lawful means" conspiracy.

That was the form of action in conspiracy recognised by the House of Lords in *Lonrho plc v Fayed* ([1992] 1 AC 448) and *Lonrho Ltd v Shell Petroleum Co* ([1982] AC 173), where actions which, if done by one person on his own would be lawful and could not be actionable, could be actionable as a tortious conspiracy if done by several persons in combination and if the predominant purpose of those persons was to injure the plaintiff, and not to protect or forward their own interests.

From the plaintiffs' point of view, the virtue of that cause of action was that the truth or otherwise of the allegations against them in Miss Pollard's letters would not be an issue in the action; it would be no defence to the defendants to justify the allegations and submit that they could not be actionable because they were true.

That led to the serious dilemma as to whether it was possible by that form of action to circumvent the requirements of a defamation action, and recover damages for injury to reputation without the defendants being able to plead justification or assert that the high reputation was not deserved. Could a plaintiff by that form of action recover damages for injury to reputation if the defendants had combined to publish the truth about him?

The judge, while sceptical about the plaintiffs' prospects of obtaining damages or an injunction if the action went to trial, struck it out as an abuse of the process of the court on the ground that the plaintiffs were misusing the court's processes in seeking to pursue the present action.

The plaintiffs' object was, in the judge's view, simply to continue the plaintiffs' half of the parties' vendetta in the artificial form of an action at law so that at the trial the plaintiffs could ventilate their allegations against the Fayeds and vilify the Fayeds with maximum publicity.

But the issue as to what the plaintiffs' purpose was in bringing the action was an issue of fact which was disputed and could not be decided at an interlocutory stage but could only be decided at the trial.

A plaintiff in a civil action for conspiracy had to prove actual pecuniary loss, although if he proved actual pecuniary loss the damages were at large, in the sense that they were not limited to a precise calculation of the amount of the actual pecuniary loss actually proved.

If the plaintiffs wanted to claim damages for injury to reputation or injury to feelings, they had to do so in an action for defamation. Injury to reputation and feelings was, with limited exceptions, a field of its own and the established principles in that field were not to be side-stepped by alleging a different cause of action.

Justification, truth, was an absolute defence to an action for defamation and it would lamentable if a plaintiff could recover damages against defendants who had combined to tell the truth about the plaintiff and so had destroyed his unwarranted reputation. But that would be the consequence if damages for injury to reputation and injury to feelings could be claimed in a "lawful means" conspiracy action.

There was no difference in that regard between general reputation and commercial or business reputation. To prove loss of orders and loss of trade was another matter;

Figures apply only to the one case

Regina v Kenny

In establishing whether a defendant was mentally handicapped within the meaning of section 77(3) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 it was not appropriate to attempt to take figures produced by intelligence tests in one case and to apply them slavishly to another in order to define some sort of rigid and unswerving line, the crossing of which would lead automatically to the exclusion of confession evidence. Each case had to be looked at on its own facts and no hard and fast line could be drawn.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Mr Justice Hidden) so stated on July 16 in allowing an appeal by David Kenny against his conviction in December 1991 at Harrow Crown Court (Judge Rountree) of burglary for which he was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

MR JUSTICE HIDDEN said that much of the argument in the appeal had centred upon the case of *R v Raghip* (*The Times* December 9, 1991) and of comparisons made between the mental capacity of this appellant and that of Raghip, but each individual case had its own features and their Lordships deprecated any attempt which sought to apply figures from intelligence tests from one case to another.

Act limits judicial review power

Regina v Chelmsford Crown Court, Ex parte Chief Constable of Essex Police

The power of the High Court to review decisions of the crown court was limited to the provisions of sections 28 and 29 of the Supreme Court Act 1981. The general power of judicial review in section 31 was subject to those sections.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Cresswell) so held on June 25 in determining that it did not have jurisdiction to hear an application for judicial review of an order of Judge Beaumont, QC, at Chelmsford Crown Court that statements taken from the police during an informal resolution of complaints and which were inadmissible at trial under section 104(3) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 should nevertheless be disclosed to the defence.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said the crown court was in the same position as the High Court and its decisions were not open to challenge in the High Court.

However, when the crown court was established it was recognised that some of its decisions should be subject to the supervisory power of the Divisional Court.

Sections 28 and 29 of the 1981 Act expressly granted powers to the court that it would not otherwise have in relation to the crown court.

Closure of single-sex school lawful

Regina v Northamptonshire County Council and Another, Ex parte K

Before Mr Justice Hutchinson

[Judgment July 21]

Where it was no longer viable to continue to maintain a single-sex school, the recognition by the local education authority that it might be vunerable to a charge of sex discrimination was not sufficent to invalidate either its decision to cease to maintain it or the approval of that decision by the secretary of state.

Mr Justice Hutchinson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by K, brought by his father as next friend, for judicial review of the decision of (i) Northamptonshire County Council on March 5, 1992 to propose to cease to maintain Kettering Boys' School with effect from August 31 1993; (ii) the decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science of July 8, 1992, pursuant to section 12(6) of the Education Act 1980, to approve that proposal, and (iii) the decision of the council, under to section 12(9) of the 1980 Act, to cease to maintain the school.

Section 8 of the Education Act 1944 provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of every local education authority to secure that there shall be available for their area sufficient schools . . . (b) for providing secondary education, that is to say full time education suitable for the requirements of senior pupils. . .".

Section 23 of the 1975 Act, as amended by section 21(4) of and Schedule 3 to the Education Act 1981, provides: "(1) It is unlawful for a local education authority, in carrying out such of its functions under [the Education Acts 1944 and 1981] . . . to do any act which constitutes sex discrimination."

Mr Khawar Qureshi for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC, for the secretary of state; Ms Cherie Booth for the council.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHINSON said that the council proposed to close the school as the only viable option given that the falling numbers on school rolls nationally was reflected in that of the school.

The council had been aware of the decision of the Divisional Court in *R v Birmingham City Council, Ex parte EOC (No 2)* (*The Times* February 28, 1992; (1992) LGR 492) which had held that a local authority had to take into account, in considering whether it was discharging its duties under section 8 of the 1944 Act and section 23 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the provision of single-sex schooling at a grant-maintained school.

That was material given that the only other single-sex school in the area admitted only girls and accordingly the council was aware that closure of the school would have risked a breach of the 1975 Act.

It considered, however, that the secretary of state's approval of its proposals placed it under a duty under section 12(9) of the 1980 Act to implement them.

It was submitted on behalf of the applicant that because of the council's awareness of the risk, the proposals were improper or unlawful and could not therefore have been lawfully approved by the secretary of state. It followed that the approval could not have been a valid one and therefore the council was not subject to the duty under which it claimed to be acting.

In his Lordship's judgment, accepting the council's argument that it could not have performed its statutory duties under section 8 of the 1944 Act nor under section 23 of the 1975 Act because of the future lack of educational opportunities at the school, there was nothing which was repugnant or unlawful in the council's approach.

The secretary of state had accepted that the duty of the local education authority under the 1975 Act had been an important factor for him to take into account in deciding whether to give his approval. Accordingly his decision was also reasonable and valid and there was no ground for impugning it.

Even if grounds had existed for the grant of declaratory or substantive relief the case would have been dismissed on the ground of delay.

Solicitors: Clarke & Co, Kettering; Treasury Solicitor; Mr J. Richard Dyson, Northampton.

Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Compulsory membership is breach of right of freedom of association

Sigurjonsson v Iceland

(Case No 24/1992/369/443)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, B. Walsh, R. Macdonald, E. Palm, J. M. Morenilla, F. Bigi, G. Mifsud Bonnici and J. Makarczyk

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment June 30]

The compulsion imposed on a taxicab driver to be a member of a specific organisation for taxicab operators constituted a violation of his right to freedom of association as guaranteed by article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The European Court of Human Rights so held, by eight votes to one. On the other hand, it found unanimously that it was not necessary also to examine the case under articles 9 (right to freedom of thought and conscience), 10 (right to freedom of expression) and 13 (right to an effective remedy).

Article 11 of the Convention provides: "1 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

"2 No restrictions shall be placed on the exercise of these rights other than such as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

"This article shall not prevent the imposition of lawful restrictions on the exercise of these rights by members of the armed forces, of the police or of the administration of the state."

On October 24, 1984 the applicant was granted a licence to operate a taxicab. He undertook to abide by the relevant ministerial regulation which provided, inter alia, that he had to become a member of Frami Automobile Association.

His licence was subsequently revoked by the committee for taxicab supervision, at Frami's request, as from July 1986, in particular on the ground that he had ceased to pay his membership dues. He had previously informed Frami that he did not wish to continue being a member.

The applicant protested against the revocation to the Ministry of Transport, which none the less confirmed the decision. On August 1, 1986 the police stopped him while driving and removed the plates identifying his vehicle as being for public hire.

On July 17, 1987 the Civil Court of Reykjavik rejected the applicant's claim that the revocation was null and void.

On appeal by him the Supreme Court of Iceland held, on December 15, 1988, that the obligation to remain a member of Frami was not contrary to the Constitution. However, it reversed the lower court's judgment on the ground that the said obligation lacked a statutory basis.

The Icelandic Parliament subsequently passed a new law on motor vehicles for public hire, which came into force on July 1, 1989, providing expressly that membership of the relevant trade union should be a condition for the granting of a taxicab licence. Since then the applicant had resumed his membership of Frami, albeit against his will.

The European Commission of Human Rights declared the application admissible on July 10, 1991.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on May 15, 1992 establishing the facts of the case and expressing the opinion by 17 votes to one, that there had been a violation of article 11; unanimously, that it was not necessary to examine separately whether there had been a violation of articles 9 and 10; unanimously, that there had been no violation of article 13.

I Alleged violation of article 11

A Existence of an interference

1 Whether Frami was an association

Frami was established under private law and enjoyed full autonomy in determining its own aims, organisation and procedure.

According to its articles, admittedly old and currently under revision, the purpose of Frami was to protect the professional interests of its members and promote solidarity among professional taxicab drivers, to determine, negotiate and present demands relating to the working hours, wages and rates of its members, to seek to maintain limitations on the number of taxicabs and to represent its members before the public authorities.

Frami was therefore predominantly a private-law organisation and had thus to be considered an association for the purposes of article 11.

It was not necessary to decide whether Frami could also be regarded as a trade union within the meaning of article 11, since the right to form and join trade unions in that provision was an aspect of the wider right to freedom of association, rather than a separate right: see, among other authorities, *Schmidt and Dahlstrom v Sweden* February 6, 1976 (Series A No 21 p15, paragraph 34).

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It cited, inter alia, article 11.2 of the Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, adopted by the Heads of State or Government of 11 member states of the European Commission on December 9, 1989, a recommendation of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly of September 24, 1991, and the case law of the committee of experts of the European Social Charter, as well as a warning issued to Iceland, by 10 votes to two, with two abstentions, by the governmental committee of the European Social Charter on March 22, 1993. (See Twelfth report to the Committee of Ministers, paragraph 113).

Furthermore, according to the freedom of association committee of the governing body of the International Labour Office (ILO), union security measures imposed by law, notably by making union membership compulsory, would be incompatible with conventions 87 and 98, the first concerning freedom of association and the right to organise and, the second, the application of the principles of the right to organise and to bargain collectively: see *Digest of Decisions and Principles* of the said committee, 1985, paragraph 248).

In that connection, it had to be recalled that the convention was a living instrument which had to be interpreted in the light of present day conditions (see among other authorities, *Soering v United Kingdom* July 7, 1989 (*The Times* July 8, 1989; Series A No 161, p40, paragraph 102). Accordingly, article 11 had to be viewed as encompassing a negative right of association. It was not necessary for the Court to determine in this instance whether thatv right was to be considered on an equal footing with the positive right.

As regards the concrete circumstances of the case, the Court was not convinced by the government's argument that the applicant had accepted the obligation to join Frami, or that such an obligation existed for any other reasons, when he obtained his licence in 1984. Only later, when the 1989 law entered into force, did it become clear that membership was a licence condition. He had since been compelled to remain a member and would otherwise run the risk of losing his licence.

That form of compulsion, in the circumstances of the case, struck at the very substance of the right guaranteed by article 11 and itself amounted to an interference.

In addition, the fact that the impugned compulsion was contrary to his own opinions also constituted an interference with his right under article 11 as viewed in the light of articles 9 and 10.

3 Recapitulation

In the light of the above, the Court agreed with the applicant and the Commission that the measures complained of constituted interference with his right to freedom of association as guaranteed by article 11.1 Such interference entailed a violation unless it met the conditions laid down in article 11.2.

B Whether interference was justified

It was not contested that at the material time, from July 1, 1989 onwards, when the 1989 law came into force, the impugned membership obligation was in accordance with the law and pursued a legitimate aim, namely the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. On the other hand, it was disputed that it was necessary in a democratic society.

In the Court's view, the membership obligation, being imposed by law, was a form of compulsion which, on the very face of it, had to be considered incompatible with article 11.

The Court did not doubt that Frami had a role that served the public interest and that its performance of that role was facilitated by the obligation imposed on every taxi licence holder within its area to be a member. However, the reasons adduced by the government, although they could be considered relevant, were not sufficient to show that it was necessary to compel the applicant to be a member of Frami, on pain of losing his licence and contrary to his own opinions. In particular, notwithstanding Iceland's margin of appreciation, the measures complained of were disproportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

Accordingly the Court found, by eight votes to one, Judge Thor Vilhalmsson dissenting, that there had been a violation of article 11.

II Alleged violations of articles 9 and 10

Having taken account of articles 9 and 10 in the context of article 11, the Court unanimously concluded that it was unnecessary to consider separately whether there had also been a breach of those articles.

III Alleged violation of article 13

The Court unanimously held that it was not necessary to examine of its own motion whether there had been a breach of article 13, which guaranteed a right to an effective remedy, as the applicant accepted the Commission's conclusion that there had been no such violation.

IV Application of article 50

The Court unanimously awarded the applicant 2,134,401 Icelandic crowns in respect of legal fees and expenses incurred in the Strasbourg proceedings, less the amount already paid by way of legal aid, but rejected the remainder of the claim for just satisfaction.

Refusal of parental rights to Jehovah's Witness breaches European Convention

Hoffmann v Austria

(Case No 15/1992/360/434)

Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges F. Matscher, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, C. Russo, N. Valticos, J. Foighel, M. A. Lopes Rocha and E. Mifsud Bonnici

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment June 23]

The refusal of parental rights to a mother after her divorce, in view of her membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses, was a violation of article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights taken in conjunction with article 14 of the Convention in that there had been discrimination on the ground of religion in the enjoyment of the right to respect for family life. The European Court of Human Rights so held by five votes to four, in an action brought by Mrs Ingrid Hoffmann against Austria.

The Court also held, unanimously, that it did not have to rule on the alleged violation of the right to respect for family life, taken alone, and that no separate issue arose under article 9 of the Convention, which guarantees the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, either taken alone or in conjunction with article 14, which prohibits discrimination.

Article 8 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

"2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Article 9 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance.

"2 Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs shall be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of public safety, for the protection of public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Article 14 provides: "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."

Mrs Ingrid Hoffmann married in 1980, at which time both she and her husband were Roman Catholics. The couple had two children, who were born in 1980 and 1982 and baptised as Roman Catholics.

The applicant subsequently joined the Jehovah's Witnesses, her husband and the children did not.

In August 1984, following the breakdown of the marriage, the applicant left the matrimonial home together with the children. A divorce was pronounced in June 1986.

While the divorce proceedings were pending, both parents applied for custody of the children. The father opposed a grant of custody to the applicant, mainly on the ground that she was a Jehovah's Witness and on account of the principles applied and practices followed by that religious group.

On January 8, 1986 the Innsbruck District Court granted custody to the applicant. An appeal by her husband was dismissed by the Innsbruck Regional Court on March 14, 1986. However, on September 3, 1986 the Austrian Supreme Court allowed the father's further appeal, on the ground that the decisions of the courts below were manifestly unlawful.

It noted that in the instant case the education of the children in accordance with the principles of the Jehovah's Witnesses violated the provisions of the Religious Education Act 1939, a federal Act on the religious education of children, a re-enacted German law of 1921, incorporated into Austrian law in 1939, which those courts had not taken into account.

They had also disregarded the children's best interests because their contact with that religious group was likely to create a risk of their social marginalisation and their life could be endangered by the applicant's refusal to consent to their receiving blood transfusions.

The application was declared admissible by the European Commission of Human Rights on December 7, 1990.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the Commission adopted a report on January 16, 1992, in which it established the facts of the case and expressed the opinion: by eight votes to six, that there had been a violation of article 8 read in conjunction with article 14 of the Convention, in that the applicant had been discriminated against, on the ground of her religion, in the enjoyment of her right to respect for her family life; by twelve votes to two, that no separate issue arose in regard to article 9 taken separately or in conjunction with article 14, and unanimously, that there had been no violation of article 2 of Protocol No 1, read in isolation or in conjunction with article 14.

The Commission referred the case to the Court on April 13, 1992.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 8, taken alone and in conjunction with article 14

The Court noted at the outset that the children had lived with their mother for two years after she had left with them, before the judgment of the Supreme Court compelled her to give them up to their father.

The Supreme Court's decision therefore constituted an interference with her right to respect for her family life, and the case thus fell within the ambit of article 8 of the Convention.

The fact relied upon by the government in support of the opposite view, namely that the Supreme Court's decision was taken in the context of a dispute between private individuals, made no difference in that respect.

In view of the nature of the allegations made, the Court considered it appropriate to examine the case, as the Commission had, under article 8 taken in conjunction with article 14 of the Convention.

The Court did not deny that, depending on the circumstances of the case, the factors relied upon by the Austrian Supreme Court in support of its decision: the practical consequences of the mother's membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses, that is, the possible effects on the children's social life of being associated with that religious minority and her total rejection of blood transfusions not only for herself but, in the absence of a court order, for her children as well, might in themselves be capable of tipping the scales in favour of one parent rather than the other.

However, the Supreme Court also introduced a new element, namely the federal Act on the religious education of children, which it clearly found decisive.

The Court therefore accepted that there had been a difference in treatment based on the ground of religion. It found that conclusion to be supported by the tone and phrasing of the Supreme Court's considerations regarding the practical consequences of the applicant's religion.

The aim pursued by the judgment of the Supreme Court was a legitimate one, namely the protection of the health and rights of the children.

But where the Austrian Supreme Court did not rely solely on the federal Act on the religious education of children, it weighed the facts differently from the courts below, whose reasoning was moreover supported by psychological expert opinion.

Notwithstanding any possible arguments to the contrary, a distinction based essentially on a difference in religion alone was not acceptable.

The Court therefore could not find that a reasonable relationship of proportionality had existed between the means employed and the aim pursued.

There had accordingly been a violation of article 8 taken in conjunction with article 14 (Judges Matscher, Walsh, Valticos and Mifsud Bonnici dissented).

In view of that conclusion, the Court did not consider it necessary to rule on the allegation of a violation of article 8 taken alone. The arguments advanced in that respect were in any case the same (unanimously).

II Alleged violation of article 9

The Court considered, as had the Commission, that no separate issue arose under article 9 either taken alone or in conjunction with article 14, since the factual circumstances relied on as the basis of that complaint were the same as those which were at the root of the complaint under article 8 taken in conjunction with article 14, of which a violation had been found.

III Alleged violation of article 2 of Protocol No 1

The applicant's complaint under article 2 of Protocol No 1, which guaranteed the right of parents to ensure the education and teaching of children in conformity with their own religious and philosophical convictions, was not pursued before the Court, which found no reason to examine it of its own motion.

IV Application of article 50

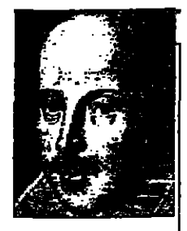
The Court awarded, by eight votes to one, the applicant 75,000 Austrian schillings in respect of the costs and expenses actually incurred before the Convention organs and not covered by legal aid.



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Popping: A 1961 Warhol, Telephone, as featured in a new show in New York

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Would Shakespeare have approved today's promenade productions of his plays?



As queues form for the summer's hit movies, **Geoff Brown** looks at cinema's less glorious moments

Lights, camera, action . . . forget it

You can see why queues form for *Jurassic Park*. Whatever a carping critic might say, this is a film that everybody wants to see. British exhibitors are hoping for a similar response to this week's movie biggie, *Last Action Hero*, a fantasy adventure which arrives after months of furious PR work by Arnold Schwarzenegger and guest appearances by an inflatable, gun-toting Arnie doll in Times Square and Cannes. To date in the United States, *Last Action Hero* has taken only a fifth of the box-office dollars gobbled up by Spielberg's dinosaurs. Still, in Britain audience awareness and curiosity remain high. These are the summer's Hollywood big guns, custom-built for their intended audiences, and they have been blasted into our minds.

Now is the time, then, to forget the ballyhoo and spare a few thoughts for their opposite numbers: the films that no sensible audience needs, the films for which nobody blows trumpets, the films that in some cases should never have been made. They fill the television and cable schedules; they stack the videoshop shelves. They lie buried somewhere in the Black Museum of your mind: *Raise the Titanic*, *Pope Joan* and other epics of dullness, painful gangster romps such as *99 and 44/100% Dead*, or perhaps Anthony Newley's whimsical folly *Can Heironymus Merkin Ever Forget Mercy Humppe And Find True Happiness?* Think of the wasted time, money and talent, and weep.

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While Hollywood pours millions of dollars into promoting its prestige wares, more of these unloved and unlovable films emerge every hour, virtually dead on arrival. At the Cannes Film Festival in May, you could scarcely turn a page in the trade press without seeing adverts for proposed, half-finished or completed films that might give useful employment to cast and crew but which no sane person would be eager to see.

How do you fancy *Night Train to Venice*, a slice of Euro-stodge set on the Orient Express, with Hugh Grant looking perplexed, Tahnee Welch in scanty attire, and Malcolm MacDowell flashing gimlet eyes as "The Stranger"? Or maybe you'd like to book seats for the willowy Rupert Everett, loving and fighting in *Quiet Flows the Don*, prepared from a ten-hour television serial, and directed by the reliably turgid Sergei Bondarchuk.

Or perhaps you could go for another Russian classic, *Crime and Punishment*, given an updated treatment by the battle-scarred entrepreneur Menahem Golan, with John Hurt and Crispin Glover topping a cast clearly chosen for their ability to look miserable. I may be happily proved wrong, but I feel the world does not need these films; any more than it does *Bleeding, Writing and Arithmetic*, *Death Wish V*, *Test Tube Twins in the Year 2000*, *Armageddon Force*, *Maniac Nurses Find Ecstasy*, or *Circuitry Man II: Prince of Plugs*.

Why are these unappetising films made? The answer, in the latter cases, is that they are simply fodder for television, cable and video sales that has more in common with baked beans on supermarket shelves than the personal films of a Jarmusch, Tarkovsky or Jarman. Fodder producers note what sells, target an indiscriminate audience with low expectations, and manufacture in bulk.

Violence and sex always perform well. Design a video cover with an undressed girl clutching a gun or a frowning hunk with stubble, and you have a purchaser. But action fodder does not dominate the market alone. Family entertainment is a steady seller, and the product is multiplying rapidly.

Crystal Sky Communications promises a dozen Hans Christian Andersen stories under the winsome title of *Hans Across Time*. When he is not wrestling with Dostoevsky, Menahem Golan busies himself with fairy-tales: one title, in a quaint nod to feminism, is *Jackie and the Beanstalk*.

Such family films are unlikely to get many theatrical outings. They have not been devised to challenge the accepted Disney classics or the latest Hollywood hit; their role is simply to stock the shelves. As such, they have much the same function as B-movie westerns when movie-going was a mass activity and every main street had cinemas to fill. Exhibitors could not get Bogart or Garbo all the time; sometimes you had to have Gene Autry.

The most interesting kind of unappetising cinema, however, is not the humble potboiler but the film with some ambition that nonetheless goes phfft. *Quiet Flows the Don* and *Crime and Punishment* look likely candidates for this category. When a director is bent on being worthy, you had better prepare for boredom. Literary adaptations are a particular trap: for every scintillating *Orlando* there are ten dead ducks like *Ironweed*.

Trouble also beckons when a powerful producer gets out of touch. *Raise the Titanic*, like other of Lew Grade's film ventures in the late Seventies, aimed at large, star-studded spectacle on old-fashioned Hollywood lines. Television movies tried the same tack and succeeded; but for cinema's audiences in 1980, younger and more demanding, it proved disastrous. In the year of *The Empire Strikes Back* and *The Elephant Man*, who wanted to see Jason Robards and lesser actors plodding through a studio tank? Nobody. *Raise the Titanic*, absurdly expensive at $36 million, hastened the end of Grade's brief fling as an old-style movie mogul.

Other films fall into cinema's black hole through wilfully ignoring audience tastes. You could call this the Heironymus Merkin syndrome, after Anthony Newley's 1969 film (I cannot bear to print the full title again). In a fit of indulgence, Universal gave Newley the freedom to produce, direct, write, compose and star in a Fellini-esque musical fantasy of unbridled whimsy and egomania. Newley appeared as the eponymous *Heironymus*, a song-and-dance man reviewing his somewhat seedy life through a film within the film. Other characters bore names such as Polyester Poontang (played by Joan Collins), Trampolena Whambang and Uncle Limelight. Among the wreckage a few bright moments shone, but the title alone was enough to ensure cinemas stayed empty.

The film soon disappeared, and has never resurfaced. Like so many other misguided, botched and unwanted films it became lost in limbo, cast adrift from the alert, engaged spectator that all popular entertainment needs to flourish.

The audience manipulation and excessive marketing that go into Hollywood's blockbusters may raise hackles; but at least they ensure that a public is waiting, primed to enjoy. If all films were like videoshop slop or *Raise the Titanic*, cinema would have become extinct; and not even Spielberg could have cloned it back to life.

THE KOBAL COLLECTION



Director and star Anthony Newley and his then-wife Joan Collins in a scene from *Can Heironymus Merkin Ever Forget Mercy Humppe And Find True Happiness?*

MARTIN BEDDALL



A general view of the central Spitalfields Market building, which lies to the east of Liverpool Street Station. Christ Church is at the rear, right

Fruit and veg stalls out, opera stalls in

The latest scheme for the redevelopment of Spitalfields Market will give London a new, third opera house of a size ideal for chamber works. **Anna Kythreotis** reports

There is a curious symbiosis between London's opera houses and the greengrocery trade: the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, the Coliseum a few hundred yards away, and now, from the crushed cabbage leaves of the abandoned fruit and vegetable market at Spitalfields, a new opera house is about to emerge as part of that area's redevelopment.

Spitalfields Market Opera will occupy the existing listed market building which is being adapted at a cost of £500,000 to provide a 540-seat auditorium, an orchestra pit for 50 musicians, and a proscenium stage that extends into an external platform for outdoor performances.

The architect of both the idea and the building is Theo Crosby, who designed the Globe for Sam Wanamaker, and redesigned the Barbican Centre. "This is a wonderful opportunity to make a serious piece of urban tissue, and more intelligent than the previous proposal to build a row of office blocks," says Crosby.

"Cities grow by having such things as an opera house, which then creates a restaurant, which creates a flower shop, and so on, until you've got an interesting place to live. Covent Garden is a perfect example of such a place, and if you don't allow that to happen you get a kind of ghetto like the South Bank."

Philip Parr, artistic director of the Spitalfields Market Opera, feels this is a chance to fill the wide gap that exists between the city's two major opera houses and fringe opera. "There's a whole stepping stone level that's missing in every area of opera development that a small-scale house will provide," says Parr.

"In London, chamber opera is either done in the wrong venue or simply doesn't come here at all because there isn't an appropriate space," he adds. "Initially we will have 12 weeks of our own productions and 40 weeks of receiving opera from around the world."

SMO plans to open at the end of September with Parr's production of Stephen Oliver's *Orpheo*. "It's a reworking by Oliver of Peri's opera *Euridice*, which is the first opera for which we have a score — so it's a blend of the old and the new, and that's appropriate for us because it's important that this house is seen as a house dedicated to a certain sphere of work by its size and not by any historical period. I'd hate to get it categorised as an early music house, or one that only did contemporary work."

Parr is negotiating to bring in Music Theatre Wales ("Who are better known on the continent than they are on this side of the principality border"), the smaller touring units of Scottish Opera and Welsh National Opera, Scottish Opera Go Round, Modern Music Theatre and Nuremberg's Pocket Opera.

He is also hoping to collaborate with the Royal Opera's Garden Venture, of which he was projects director for two years. "The studio companies of the big houses in Germany are doing some exciting work which doesn't get seen here. And I would like to involve some of the smaller European companies doing work of their own country and in their own language, because we don't have that kind of ensemble company in London.

"I would also like to have a season of silent films with a live orchestra as we have the right configuration for it. The Comédie Française still runs a 15-piece orchestra every night — and it would be interesting to provide a facility where that style of production could be accommodated. We would look to have any work that is music-based."

SMO's intention is to mount work that would not otherwise be seen in the capital — over Christmas they plan to stage Offenbach's 50 one-act operettas — "so there will be no competition or conflict with the other houses except where they are doing work that is too small for their buildings. Britten's *The Turn of The Screw* and *Albert Herring* were written for orchestras of 14, and they sound ridiculous in the bigger houses because they demand the intimacy of a small space."

The house is being funded partly by the Spitalfields Market Trust and the rest is being raised by public donations. "There's a dedicated opera audience at both houses who are suffering because of the inflated ticket prices, and are sitting in cheaper and cheaper seats until eventually they will fall off the back of Covent Garden altogether," says Parr. "Our ticket prices will be kept very low so nobody can get away with the excuse that they can't afford a ticket."

One last impression from the marvellous Marcel?

ARTS BRIEFING

FILM director Marcel Carné, 84 in August, is no doubt pleased by next month's London release of his best-known work, *Les Enfants du paradis*, in a new and improved print. But the film that concerns him now is *Mouche*, an adaptation of a de Maupassant story that he has been struggling to get off the ground since 1987. Virginie Ledoyen, his handpicked young star, is primed to play Mouche, the artist's model who turns five male heads one lazy summer in 1875. Monet and Renoir make fleeting appearances, and Carné hopes to recreate the Impressionist palette on screen.

Last October in Normandy, shooting actually started for ten days. But once Carné *succumbed to fatigue, financiers* and insurers panicked, blocking funds and preventing further work. Then disputes erupted between co-producers. In February hopes were boosted when leading French producer Daniel Toscan du Plantier joined the project. Hopes have sagged now that he has pulled out. Carné, recently involved in audio-visual shows, made his last fiction feature, *La Merveilleuse visite*, in 1974.

● WHILE London awaits the new Spitalfields Market Opera house (see story, left), in Covent Garden the Royal Opera House development project rolls on with stubborn *determination*. A new trio of consultants has been appointed to review the complete scheme before the ROH launches its massive fund-raising appeal in the new year. The house needs £90 million. It says it can raise half of that, but needs £45 million from the Millennium Fund part of the National Lottery. And it cannot continue building until the money is in the bank.

Not only does the Opera House need to sell its case to government, it also has to have local planners on its side. Although overall planning consent has been granted by Westminster City Council, the local authority wants all the development money in place before it allows demolition to begin in Covent Garden. Understandably, local residents do not want ugly bits of ROH development to stand unfinished if the money runs out.

Stuart Lipton, Peter Rogers and Vincent Wang of Stanhope Properties have been hired to help put the Royal Opera House's case to the government, to the public and to patrons with deep pockets. Quite how much these new consultants are being paid is unknown.

Last chance . . .

THE exhibition "Images of Christ" began as a way of marking the centenary of St Matthew's Church, Northampton, famed for its daring commissions during the incumbency of Walter Hussey. These included a Henry Moore *Madonna and Child* (1944) and the *Crucifixion* by Graham Sutherland (1946). Around them has been built the show now in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral (071-248 2705) until Saturday, which explores religious iconography in 20th-century British art, often commissioned by churches, from Eric Gill's 1914-18 *Stations of the Cross* for Westminster Cathedral to Stephen Cox's 1992-93 *Reredos* for St Paul's, Haringey.



New print: Jean-Louis Barrault in Marcel Carné's classic film, *Les Enfants du paradis*. See first story

LONDON

PROMS: British pianist Martin Roscoe makes a welcome return to the Proms in Grieg's popular masterpiece: his Piano Concerto in A minor. Tadaaki Otaka, conducting the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, frames the piece with Strauss's Don Juan, and Walton's Symphony No 1.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

A CONNECTICUT YANKEE: Ian Talbot revives the Rodgers/Hart musical based on Mark Twain. Witty lyrics, pretty songs.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm, then Thurs 2.30pm and 8pm, Fri, 8pm. Then in repertoire.

THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS: A barely believable custom, still practised today by backward people. Ricci Harnett repeats his heartbreaking performance as a dog tortured for suspected sodomy. Not for the squeamish.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until Aug 14 🅂

KIROV BALLET: The Kirov continues its marathon Coliseum season with more performances of Swan Lake, the final three performances of which will be the version by the company's artistic

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director Oleg Vinogradov.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: On the same night the Kirov presents the Vinogradov version of *Swan Lake*, English National Ballet presents the London premiere of its new production, by the former Russian ballerina Raissa Struchkova. Her restaging, after the traditional Bolshoi version by Alexander Gorsky and Asaf Messerer, has already proved a valuable addition to the repertoire.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY: The innovative mask theatre company performs its full-length play, *Plastered*, a witty and perceptive study of a rich variety of characters, observed in the best of British institutions: the public house. Later, events move to the local hospital's casualty department. A light-hearted look at the world in which we live.
Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London W8 (071-602 7856). Tonight only, 8pm.

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BAGNOR: Tessa Wyatt in the company of four performing the excellent Watermouse/Hall farce **Say Who You Are**. Robin Midgeley directs.
Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (0635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm (except gala nights on Aug 7, Sept 4, 6.30pm). Until Sept 4. 🅂

BIRMINGHAM: If his latest pronouncements are to be believed, that mercurial singer **Prince** is at a watershed. His stated intention is to change his name to a rather inconvenient symbol and to perform his current repertoire of songs for the last time on this tour. A greatest hits package should follow later in the year.
National Indoor Arena 🅂 (021-200 2222). Tonight, 7pm.

POOLE: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's yearly **Proms in the Park** opens with an evening of Tchaikovsky, including *Romeo and Juliet*, the *Nutcracker Suite*, and the *1812 Overture*. Conducted by Justin Brown.
Upton Country Park (Box Office 0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm.

WINDSOR: John Godber's **Happy Families** moves to Windsor for a three-week run. The play charts the trauma and the humour of teenage growing pains. A bittersweet portrayal of the generation gap.
Theatre Royal (0753 853888). Opens tonight, 8pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thur, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.45pm. Till Aug 14.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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□ **AT THE BLACK PIG'S DYKE**: Druid Theatre's powerful drama brought over for LIFT but staying until till the end of the month. Irish myths, mummers dressed in straw and life today on the Leitrim-Fermanagh border.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm 🅂

□ **THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING**: Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, of jealousy between siblings, leading to fratricide and parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon to Sat 8 pm

□ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS**: A tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Soft-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm. 120mins 🅂

■ **GREASE**: Back to the Fifties, greased hair and neon sox. Teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 115mins 🅂

□ **LUST**: Following their *Slice of Saturday Night* the Heather Brothers put *The Country Wife* to music: 21 numbers and Denis Lawson as the rake who pretends to be impotent.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses

Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 95mins. 🅂

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III**: Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Thur, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm

□ **MARVIN'S ROOM**: Alison Steadman as a kindhearted Florida woman facing up to mortality in Scott McPherson's excellent, sane quirky play.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

□ **THE ODYSSEY**: Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins. 🅂

□ **OLEANNA**: David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college, passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins

□ **A PENNY FOR A SONG**: Return of last year's successful John Whiting comedy, set in a Dorset village at the time of Napoleon. Delightful summer wit and humour. Superbly coordinated by director, Sam Walters.
Orange Tree Theatre, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 4pm.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn Directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **UNDER THE STARS**: Pam Ferris and Connie Booth in the prolific Richard Crane's new comedy: two understudies wonder if their leading ladies will ever drop dead.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon to Sat 7.45 pm. Mats Sat 2.30 pm. Until August 28.

THE WINTER'S TALE: John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins. 🅂

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BAMBI** (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical and moving after 51 years. Director, David Hand.
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STORYVILLE (15): Political corruption, murder and sex in New Orleans: a fruity mixture that tastes disappointingly flat. Mark Frost directs James Spader, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer.
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TANGO (15): Philippe Noiret, Richard Bohringer and Thierry Lhermitte aim to kill an errant wife. Tedious, empty, misogynist comedy from Patrice Leconte ("Monsieur Hire").
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham. **MGM Fulham Road** 🅂 (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

BARAKA (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
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EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in the crumbling metropolis of the notional Empire city. This is jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Starring Sam Niell, Laura Dern and Richard Attenborough. Directed by Stephen Spielberg.
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Before the world went Pop

GALLERIES: Jamie James on a New York show of American art from the Fifties and early Sixties



James Rosenquist's oil, *President Elect*. From the collection of the Musée Nationale d'Art Moderne, Paris

The history of art, particularly modern art, is usually presented as a time line of discrete styles, each supplanting its predecessor, or travelling down parallel but completely independent paths. First there was Impressionism, then there was Post-Impressionism, then there was Cubism, while Surrealism was floating off somewhere in the ozone. Pop Art stands at the end of this line, thrusting aside the earnest bravado of the Abstract Expressionists; after Pop ensues the bewildering muddle of Post-Modernism, a pit into which we are wallowing deeper and deeper.

A thoughtful, well-mounted exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art, **Hand-Painted Pop: American Art in Transition, 1955-62**, challenges that conventional view of modern art history as a concatenation of isms. The show, which comprises 117 works by 21 artists, attempts to bring into focus the blurred edges between Pop Art and the American painting which preceded it.

The basic premise is hardly revolutionary: it is a truism for undergraduates that Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns straddled the fence between Abstract Expressionism and Pop. Rauschenberg's *Erased de Kooning Drawing* (1953) was the outrageous gesture of a young turk thumbing his nose at the establishment, America's answer to Duchamp's moustache on the *Mona Lisa*. Johns's one-man show of target and American flag paintings at the Leo Castelli Gallery in 1958 has long been recognised as the watershed in this transition.

The Abstract Expressionists viewed themselves with tremendous seriousness as pure-art heroes, positioned somewhere between Homer (the epic poet, that is, not Winslow) and Walt Whitman. It was all terribly important.

Johns's American maps and flags, although in the same painterly tradition, had more than a touch of irony, and were a bracing blast of fresh air to the staid American art scene during the Eisenhower years. It should also be remembered that Rauschenberg's combine paintings incorporated homely objects such as Coca-Cola bottles years before Andy Warhol painted them.

This exhibit, Janus-like, looks in both directions. The first painting the visitor sees upon entering is Larry Rivers's 1953 expressionistic and gently tongue-in-cheek version of Emanuel Leutze's *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, a kitsch icon of patriotic Americana — a reminder that Abstract Expressionism was not altogether a humourless, pompous monolith.

The curators are less successful in trying to shoehorn Cy Twombly and Grace Hartigan into their scheme. Hartigan made use of images from quotidian city life, certainly, but so did Pieter de Hooch. Stuart Davis, just to name one, in his jazzy cityscapes from 25 years earlier, is much closer in spirit to the Pop artists.

The exhibit's most important insight is its dissection of the Ab-Ex roots of the major Pop figures. A self-portrait by Claes Oldenburg from 1959 has all the self-conscious gorgeousness of a painting by Philip Guston. Some early works by Ed Ruscha and Allan Kaprow are executed in a style that is closer to Hans Hofmann or Franz Kline than to the cool detachment of the High Pop of the late Sixties.

> 'The important insight is into the Ab-Ex roots of the major Pop figures'

The greatest revelation is provided by several very early paintings by Andy Warhol, which were lent by the painter's estate. These pastel-hued, intensely painterly canvases from the mid-Fifties reveal a side of Warhol that has never been widely known. Likewise, some drawings of comic strip characters by Roy Lichtenstein from 1958 (*Bugs Bunny*, *Donald Duck*), despite their pop subjects, are firmly in the style of de Kooning. James Rosenquist, the billboard painter turned firm artist, is also well-represented by some early works. The Pompidou Centre lent *President Elect*, his first painting to incorporate commercial imagery, a car and a huge slice of cake absurdly juxtaposed with a portrait of the newly elected president, John Kennedy. Yet what was brash and provocative in 1960 now seems naive.

It is the way of all isms that what was revolutionary must become tame. The Rauschenberg combine paintings, particularly, have the jewel-like, high-art preciosity of Vermeers, while the satirical element in Rosenquist and the threshold Warhols and Lichtensteins seem gentle, endearing, and almost camp in light of the art of recent years. At the time these paintings were produced, many art critics condemned them as empty and cynical, but visitors to this exhibit may be more likely to see them as a window onto a lost era of arcadian innocence, when American artists still believed that painting mattered.

● Hand-Painted Pop: American Art in Transition, 1955-62, *is at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, until October 3. The show was organised by the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles.*

OPERA: The Romanian State Opera's damp but determined British debut at the weekend

Testing the water

Nabucco
Rochester Castle

A STEADILY more waterlogged audience in Rochester Castle gardens stoically sat out Saturday's one-night visit by the Romanian State Opera as the opening event of the Medway Festival. The quixotic gamble found the odds stacked against it by the English summer climate, though more than 4,000 turned up to picnic and shiver under lowering skies through Verdi's *Nabucco*.

The cast and orchestra were at least covered by a stage canopy, a crack sending occasional waterfalls to the floor about two feet behind the conductor's back, and enclosing a production that, in more favourable conditions, could have seemed quite impressive. Most of the story was told in the equivalent of primary colours by Hero Lupescu's staging, moving chorus and principals in stand-and-deliver confrontations against bold designs (by Adriana Urmuzescu) of rival icons and wearing George Dorosenco's splendid costumes.

Sadly, it was impossible to judge fairly the quality of voices or of orchestral playing when everything was raucously relayed from microphones, occasionally overlaid by crackling static, and giving the general impression of listening to a poor quality radio broadcast with the volume turned up. All that can be confidently indicated is that the conducting of Cornel Trailescu reflected a strong feeling for Verdi's dynamic pacing and some expressive phrasing.

As Richard Morrison wrote from Bucharest on this page last week, Trailescu was suddenly removed from overall charge of the company about then, to be replaced by a retired soprano. Perhaps the internal turmoil accounted for a late change of soprano at this performance, the Abigaille first announced giving way to Rodica Toma, who evidently knew the role well enough to summon a spitfire sense of malice as the woman who tries to usurp Nabucco's throne. She was forceful in character and uninhibited in vocal technique.

The crazed monarch was strongly projected by Vasile Martinoilu, a baritone of virile valour in attempting to colour his singing so as to embrace pathos as well as vainglory, commanding attention with "Dio di Giuda", his solo scene in the last act as he recovers sanity and resolution. Zaccaria, the Hebrew leader, was grandly intoned by Pompei Harasteanu, whose organ-like bass could have been thrilling in better acoustic conditions.

Among other roles there was a smoothly lyrical Fenena from Ecaterina Tutu and a robust Ismaele from Gabriel Nastase. The chorus sang their celebrated "Va, pensiero" number with heartfelt candour and good dynamic control, and brought disciplined fervour to their other scenes, in two of which a corps de ballet threaded their way among the assembly as if the producer felt Verdi had overlooked writing for one.

The Romanians are said to be negotiating a return visit next year for a wider tour, when one hopes that their evident musical qualities will be more sympathetically deployed.

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EVENTS



Drama to move the audience

Promenade productions may be hazardous, but they can bring an epic subject vividly to life. Joseph Williams goes walkabout

Promenade performances can be embarrassing for audiences. No seats? Freedom to walk around the actors? Where do you stand in each scene? You wonder if you are blocking the star's entrance, and then apologise for treading on someone's toes. Is that innocent-looking woman just a member of the audience, or an actress *about to open the play*?

Promenade can be unpredictable and scary. Emotions come whizzing at the audience. In Jim Cartwright's *Road* — set in a Lancashire town crippled by unemployment, and performed at the Royal Court in 1986 — the promenaders swivelled round from one hard-hitting scene to another as events moved from one acting area to another. Good promenade makes us rubbernecks at a street incident: standing on tiptoe and craning to glimpse the drama.

Many of the jostling audiences of Shakespeare's theatre were standing close to the actors — though not walking among them — so it seems appropriate that the Royal Shakespeare Company is about to preview a promenade production of *Julius Caesar* at The Other Place, Stratford, directed by David Thacker.

> 'Promenade makes us rubbernecks at a street incident'

Will Caesar's ghost have to negotiate the audience's toes before he can terrorise Brutus? And will a polite Stratford audience have to turn itself into baying Roman plebeians? "Actors playing members of the crowd will be among the audience," says Thacker, "but we're clear that the audience are audience: they're not meant to be involved in any participatory theatre activity. But having the actors closer to them will increase the audience's capacity to empathise with those scenes because it will feel like being in a crowd."

Thacker believes that promenade is the purest theatrical form. "The audience are closer to the actors than they would ever normally be. What's exciting for me is that there's an unknown element."

The production will be modern dress. "Our inspiration is the search for democracy across the world," says Thacker, who is intrigued by the threat of tyranny and its removal. "*Julius Caesar* seems like a modern play investigating these questions. So a modern dress production and a promenade presentation come together very satisfactorily."

But why are promenades not tried more often? Lack of flexible theatre spaces is one reason. Many regional theatres use proscenium-arch principles: the antithesis of promenade. *Tim Pigott-Smith, who starred with* Judi Dench in a promenade production of David Edgar's *Entertaining Strangers* at the Cottesloe Theatre in 1987, says that promenade is a strange concept. "We tend to perceive of an actor as a distant creature — the idea of a proscenium arch with a red velvet curtain and an actor as somebody who emerges from a magic world behind it."

In *Entertaining Strangers*, a community play set in 19th-century Dorset, Pigott-Smith played an evangelical fundamentalist who becomes hero to a cholera-threatened people. "We never had a problem holding an audience," he says. "You could sense their frustration sometimes if they couldn't see what they wanted, but they learn to be more fluent in themselves: they don't park themselves down in one place, they become slightly more adventurous, which the English generally are *prone not to be*."

In his opening performance, Pigott-Smith headed for the pulpit, only to find some 15 members of the audience sitting on the stairs, blocking him. "We had to organise it so that in the opening mêlée, when the audience arrived, one of the actors went to sit in the middle of the stairs and got out of the way for me to go up."

Promenaders tend to rise to the occasion. The RSC's *The Dillen* (1983), about the life of a turn-of-the-century local craftsman, based on the book by Angela Hewins, opened indoors and then burst out gloriously into the town of Stratford, with scenes taking place across a bridge, a riverbank, a road and the theatre's gardens. At one point, the audience were huddled within a tarpaulin tent; at another, they followed an impressive torch-lit procession through the old town.

When Bill Bryden became director of the Cottesloe in the late 1970s, he produced spectacular promenades, such as *The Mysteries*, based on the York cycle of Mystery plays. The roots of promenade stretch back to medieval times — cowled figures standing around pageant-carts to watch The Nativity.

But is promenade limited by its own massiveness? Can it become a sprawling mess where subtle speeches are lost because people fidget and move around? It would be daft to try a small-scale Pinter play as a promenade, or a Feydeau farce. And any promenader wandering into Jimmy Porter's one-room flat in *Look Back in Anger* would feel like a spare part.

But promenades are well-suited to epics. In 1988, the Welsh theatre group Brith Gof recreated a battle in a deserted car factory in Cardiff's docklands. And the Duke's Theatre in Lancaster pulls in the crowds for its regular summer promenades, set in the glorious Williamson Park. Promenaders may need to be as fit as performers: John McGrath's drama, *John Brown's Body*, which played at the Tramway in Glasgow in 1990, kept audiences on their toes for four hours.

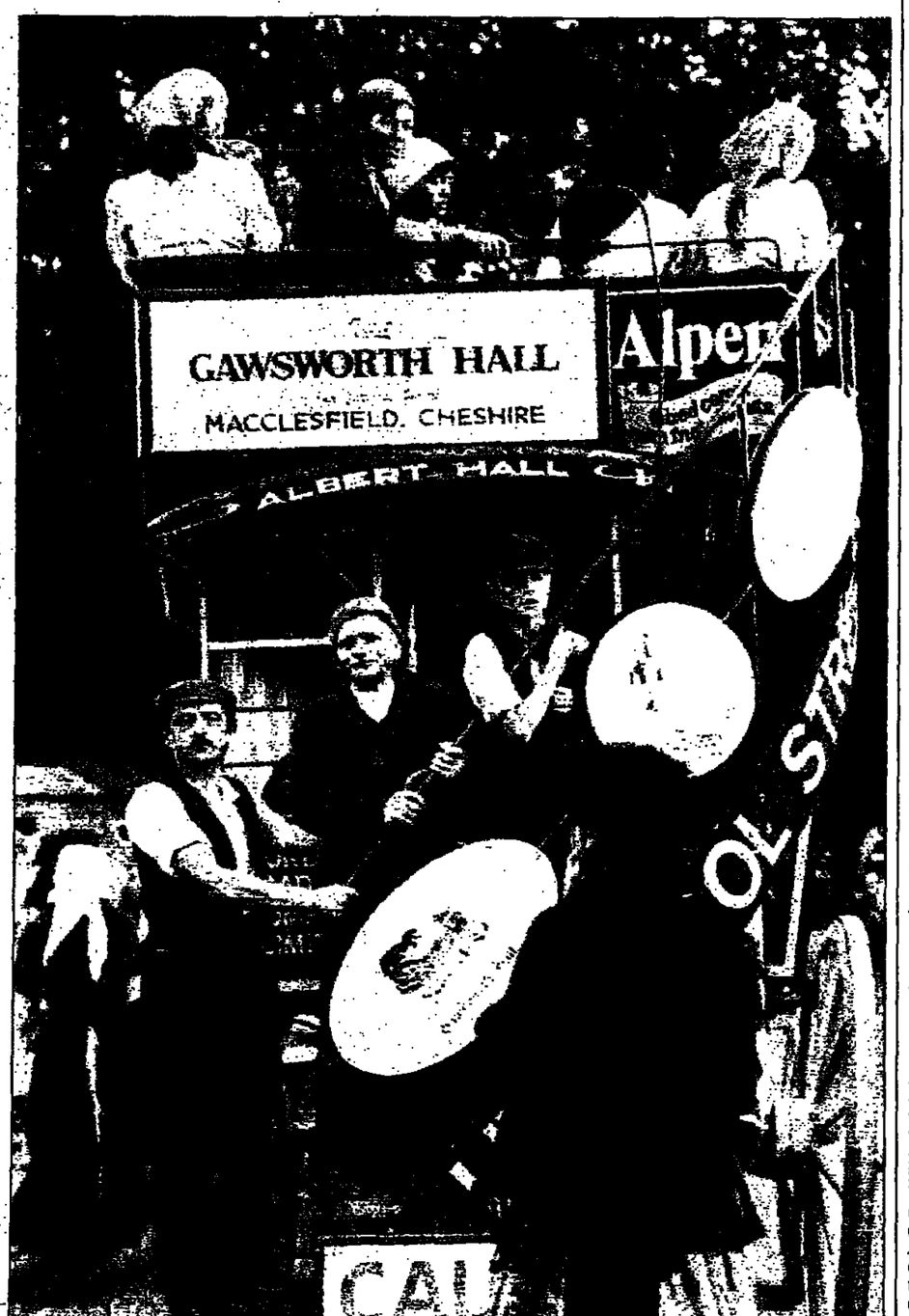
"You can't use promenade as a gimmick," says Julia Bardsley, who last year directed a promenade production at the Leicester Haymarket Studio of *Dead Soil*, an intense German play about two peasant siblings on the run. "It has to be appropriate to the piece, and certain pieces or even most pieces don't allow it. Whereas *Dead Soil* was about a literal and spiritual journey so the idea of the audience also going through the journey was totally appropriate to the piece."

She says that Zola's *Thérèse Raquin*, which she will direct this September at the Young Vic in a seated production, would not suit promenade: "We'll want a voyeuristic relationship between audience and actors. *Thérèse* needs the actors to be enclosed and confined, not liberated. What you lose sometimes with promenade is a certain sort of focus because the experience is splashed about."

What theatre promenade really needs is the cachet of the annual Albert Hall Proms. But the actor-audience relationship is tricky. Whereas concert promenaders stand, sit, or even lie back, and enjoy the performance, theatre audiences integrate more closely with the actors, which can be hard to orchestrate.

In good small-scale promenades, I have seen actors and audience circle each other like caged panthers, with a hint of danger that is vital to all drama. At Thacker's *Julius Caesar*, some seats will be available in the balcony. And assuming they forget their tired feet, the friends, Romans and countrymen in the promenading audience should lend the production their ears.

● Julius Caesar *previews from tomorrow at The Other Place, Stratford (0789 295623), and continues there in repertory until September 25. It will then tour the country*



The Dillen (1983): starting indoors, the RSC staging then burst out gloriously into the town of Stratford

DANCE

First steps show signs of promise

Nadine Meisner is encouraged by the standards in the end-of-year performances by four of Britain's top ballet schools

July is the month when dance schools take to the stage, jostling to show audiences what they have achieved. This past year, though, has been especially tough. Local authorities have taken a heavy axe to their discretionary grants for aspirant students: schools are now forced to use their resources to raise money for scholarships and to recruit economically independent students from overseas. You might expect *standards to have slipped; but* in half the schools I saw they seemed higher than ever.

Ironically the biggest disappointment came from the **Royal Ballet School**, which is more secure than others, thanks to financial bolstering from the Department of Education. Its matinee at Covent Garden offered an interesting selection of British choreography, yet most performances lacked the excitement of previous years. The Mrs Tiggywinkle extracts from Ashton's *Tales Of Beatrix Potter* supplied a youthful exercise in characterisation through *movement, the school's youngest* section transforming themselves into a pretty group of mice. *Matthew Hart's Simple Symphony* (to Britten's music) ingeniously marshalled the different ages of the Upper and Lower Schools in varied contrapuntal blocks. While with MacMillan's *Solitaire* and de Valois's *Checkmate* arrived meaty opportunities for expressive dance.

Gabrielle Ereno as The Girl in *Solitaire* projected feeling with mature skills. But the boys had the edge in both ballets. In *Solitaire* they moved with vigour and clarity; in *Checkmate* two Japanese boys as the Red Knights outshone Joanne Clarke's underplayed Black Queen. Junichi Shinmura and especially Yohei Sasaki (who joins the Royal Ballet) have presence and strength.

Dame Alicia Markova, whose name the RBS lists as one of its teachers, is also connected with the London Studio Centre and the **English National Ballet School**. She was responsible for the latter's *Les Sylphides*, a production which both the ENB company and school performed during *their Savoy Theatre season.* The slow tempos which Dame Alicia favours seemed, in the school's performance, to approach the point of immobility. This gave plenty of time to appreciate the lingering balances of the soloists, the meticulous togetherness of the corps de ballet, the satisfying softness of Andrew Mitchell's solo.

The rest of the programme opted for lightheartedness. The excerpts from Mark Baldwin's witty *Gone* allowed us to see some of the students in Cunninghamesque mode and to admire Jaume Cumplido's clear contours and lithe jump. Bill Drysdale's *Stompin' At The Savoy* provided a rousing tap dance finale. Derek Deane's *On The Beach* was as chic as a Martini ad and just as slight.

Compared with two other schools, the ENB effort seemed a slender, unambitious affair. The **Central School of Ballet** had to make do with even more cramped conditions than the Savoy — the Lilian Baylis Theatre's tiny stage — but their show had more bite and confidence. It displayed dancers with a flowing, sensitive line and polished presentation. And it offered a taste of the broad span of styles taught: from folk dance to jazz dance, from 19th-century ballet to the hard-edged *ballet of the Nineties, as* exemplified by Derek Williams's *Designs*, the evening's *most accomplished piece.* A plotless sequence of ensembles and partnerships, this made its cast look good while all the time stretching it.

The school alternated performances with its final-year touring group, British Gas Ballet Central. Next door, on the Sadler's Wells' stage, the **London Studio Centre** was presenting a similar group of advanced ballet students, Images of Dance. Their impressive show, directed by the former Royal Ballet principals Margaret Barbieri and David Wall, was a lesson in what adroit coaching in technique and stagecraft can do.

The least successful item was John Cranko's classic *Pineapple Poll*. Douglas Bateman found the right balance between parody and realism as the handsome Captain Belaye; but the exaggerated grimaces and postures from the other dancers proved that *comedy is the hardest to carry* off. Much better was the verve of the dancing in Christopher *Wheeldon's fluent abstract* piece, *Con Brio*; while in the Kingdom of the Shades from *La Bayadère* Mikiko Arai used her eyes and arms beautifully. From everybody came a real sense of artistry and a concern for the finer details of movement.

NEW MUSIC: a Boulez premiere crowns the success of the South Bank's 'Meltdown' festival; the Kronos test the frontiers of the quartet at the Barbican

Fine jewel in a solid setting

Thanks to the canny programming of its artistic director, George Benjamin, dynamic performances by two of the finest ensembles around, and not least the importing of Mongolian khoomi singers from Tuva, those extraordinary artists who produce melodies by filtering the harmonics of a low fundamental note with their mouths, lips and tongues, the South Bank's first "Meltdown" festival must be counted a success.

If next year Louis Andriessen, who steps into Benjamin's shoes, can put together as much variety and solid musical content we will be fortunate indeed. He will certainly be lucky to secure a coup comparable with that which crowned the festival, the first British performance of the new version of Pierre Boulez's *cummings ist der dichter*.

Exactly what Boulez has done with this already exquisitely crafted score, begun in 1970 but long considered unfinished, we were not told, and neither were we enlightened as to whether *this version of* a work that mixes stasis and motion, voices drifting in and out of the texture, colours ever changing with a delicacy all Boulez's own, is intended as the last word. It was left to the London Sinfonietta and the London Sinfonietta Voices, under Benjamin's own, confident direction, to do all the talking. Theirs was a performance of marvellous refinement.

Tristan Murail's *Serendib*, also receiving its British premiere here, allows its sensualities less refinement. The composer creates lovely shapes, massaging the ear with an indulgence of colours — timbres, harmonies, textures — that seem to be there for their own sake. Flexibility *in exploring timbres is the key* to this piece, a key missing from the Argentinian Alejandro Viñao's nevertheless virtuosic and jaggedly vigorous Marimba Concerto (another UK premiere). Here the brilliant soloist, Robert van Sice, could not overcome the limitations of the instrument, nor Viñao's scoring disguise them.

Meanwhile Benjamin's own *Antara*, with its synthesized sounds of idealised Peruvian pan-pipes, tackles the conventional notion of statement, development and goal with a solid and original inventiveness. This piece is not just assembled, but thoroughly explored. In a marvellously cogent performance Sebastian Bell and Helen Keen played the important duos for flutes and piccolos; Pierre-Laurent Aimard and Shelagh Sutherland were in command of the synthesizers doing duty as panpipes.

As a bonus, Aimard also brilliantly gave four of Ligeti's Etudes for solo piano, including two new to this country, Nos 9, "Vertigo", and 12, "L'escalier du diable", *rampantly virtuosic exercises* both, the one based on chromatic descent, the other on *chromatic ascent.* Picturesque and fiendish, they are splendid additions in updated Lisztian *mould to the repertoire.*

Earlier in the weekend, Frankfurt's Ensemble Modern gave two concerts with the conductor Markus Stenz in rather punchier style than their London counterparts. On Friday they perpetrated one serious error of judgment in choosing Helmut Lachenmann's tedious "... *zwei Gefühle* ...", *Musik mit Leonardo*, a pointillistic essay in extracting bizzare sounds from conventional instruments. Fun to play — as long as you could bear risking your expensive bow on the scroll of your expensive violin — but hell to listen to.

The rest was much better. The world premiere of the Canadian composer Denys Bouliane's *Deutsche Landschaft*, five conjoined movements, showed a mind teeming with ideas that perhaps need to be harnessed more carefully, though there is a real individualist at work here. Simon Holt's *Lilith*, first heard in 1990, stalked its somewhat sinister ground with a beguiling mix of the diabolic and the delicate, while Thomas Adès's pithy Chamber Symphony (1991) showed immense flair and assurance for a 20-year-old. Indeed, the comparison with Benjamin himself at that age is not far wide of the mark.

Saturday night is party night, so Stenz and the Ensemble, with the help of the mezzo-soprano Christine Botes and the baritone Richard Suart, tackled Benedict Mason's busy and surreal *Chaplin-operas*, three acts of a "semi-operatic filmspiel" set to Chaplin's classic shorts *Easy Street*, *The Immigrant* and *The Adventurer*. Sometimes Mason comes perilously close to making his own, clearly defined soundtrack, but otherwise the voice-parts often recall the manner of the commentary of the third movement of Berio's Sinfonia, more free association than definition. Brilliantly timed to coincide with Chaplin's cascades of sharp visual humour, these pieces (like the films) were perhaps too dense to take in at one sitting, but individually they worked superbly, rampant paeans to one of the greatest wits of our century.

STEPHEN PETTITT



George Benjamin: put together a successful programme

Eclectic echoes of elsewhere

Others may emulate the rock-style packaging, but few performers can match the energetic eclecticism of the Kronos's repertoire. In the course of this four-day Barbican festival the American quartet ranged freely, even recklessly, across styles, techniques and traditions, attempting, in the words of leader David Harrington, "to make coherence out of this vast world of musical possibilities". The works played — 14 British premieres among them — inevitably varied almost as much in quality as they did in idiom, but all were played with total conviction and concentration, and with supreme technical assurance.

Friday's programme focused on composers from countries formerly under Soviet control. If the eight works played had anything in common beyond this geo-political link, it was perhaps a desire to expand the range of the classical string quartet by referring to sounds derived from elsewhere.

In the case of Górecki's *Already It Is Dusk*, with its rhythmic and harmonic contrasts underpinned by an awareness of Polish church music and folk dances, or in the monumental minimalism of three short pieces by the Estonian Arvo Pärt, with their echoes of the soundworld of Orthodox religion, the references are fairly oblique.

In two of the evening's premieres they were more direct. A colourful work by Dmitri Yanov-Yanovsky incorporated some startling sonorities and rhythms inspired by the sound of the chang, a stringed instrument central to the folklore of the composer's native Uzbekistan, while Franghiz Ali-Zadeh's *Mugam Sayagi* was a theatrical (though not always very dramatic) meeting of Azerbaijani tradition and the western avant-garde.

But a little post-modern mysticism goes a long way, *and this concert served up* rather a lot, with Sofia Gubaidulina's unsettling and *idiosyncratic Second Quartet* the only work taut enough to escape entirely the perils of unmotivated melancholy. Certainly, a cheerful Sudanese encore was more than welcome after the typically gloomy bombast of Giya Kancheli's *Night Prayers*, the final British premiere of the concert.

The following evening the Kronos were joined by various guests for a programme which took more *literally the idea of expanding* the string quartet. *Exploded View* by Jay Cloidt used electronic *sampling techniques to* generate sounds activated by the quartet via sci-fi versions of their conventional stringed instruments. Whatever its technical sophistication, the *resulting high-tech dadaism* was pretty silly, perhaps deliberately so. Technology was *better deployed in John Os*wald's brief and engaging *Spectre*, in which the quartet members were gradually overwhelmed by multiple overdubs of their own playing.

Among the more conventional collaborations, *Soul*, by the Chinese composer Zhou Long, was an intricate blend of the sounds of the quartet with those of the pipa, a vividly expressive stringed instrument played here by the virtuoso Wu Man. In *The Sands*, by (and with) the veteran soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, however, the Kronos were reduced to a supporting role that could equally well have been performed by a lineup of bass, drums and piano, while a promising-sounding collaboration with a trio of Tuvan throat singers in fact found the quartet playing along with a *tape, to no real purpose.*

The evening ended with an appearance by Thomas Mapfumo and his band, Blacks Unlimited. Mapfumo's highly politicised mixture of traditional Zimbabwean music and rock has little obvious need of a string quartet, and the hoped-for communication between the two groups seemed to have been replaced by a degree of bewilderment and *even suspicion. Not the happi*est of conclusions to a voyage through the world's music, *perhaps, but a useful remind*er that cultural tourism is not without its risks.

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Rank outsider wins most important title in women's golf

Merten stuns US Open field

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES, IN CARMEL, INDIANA

LAURI Merten turned professional in 1983 and won the first tournament she played in. A distinguished golf career seemed assured, especially when she won again in 1984. Then, nothing. She finished in the top 50 on the money list once, in 1987, but stellar was not a word that anyone applied to her progress. The odd top ten finish, like second in the LPGA championship last month, seemed to be the height of it.

All that changed at Crooked Stick on Sunday. At 33, Merten, who lives in Delaware, kissed obscurity goodbye and embraced the US Women's Open championship. It was a victory that had come from the heart, she said. It came as a bolt from the blue to everyone else.

Helen Alfredsson, the Swede who shared second place with Donna Andrews, another American, was shattered, drained by the heat and humidity of an Indiana summer and her own emotions.

Her day had started badly when the hotel gave her an unwanted early morning call at 5.45. "I don't know if I've ever felt this disappointed in my life," she said. "I don't know how much this will affect me. I couldn't get comfortable and I couldn't make any putts and you're not going to scare anyone in an Open unless you make birdies. All I had to do was shoot par and that's what hurts most of all."

Instead, Alfredsson, who led by two shots from Hiromi Kobayashi of Japan after three rounds, with Merten, who was to complete 72 holes without three putting once, an unconsidered five strokes adrift, shot 74, two over par. It was the Swede's worst round of the week and her total of 281, seven under par, was one too many as Merten finished in the grand manner, with birdies at two of the last three holes for a round of 68. The first prize was $144,000 but the title is priceless.

"I'm a little surprised," she said afterwards, to people who were a lot surprised. Even when she moved to seven under par with three birdies in a row from the eighth hole, where she holed outrageously from 60 feet, few people took her challenge seriously, especially when she dropped a shot at the 11th.

Pat Bradley, who was champion in 1981 and Andrews, third last year at Oakmont, seemed the Americans most likely to hold off the foreign challenge.

They both had birdie twos at the 13th, to take the lead at eight under, a shot ahead of Alfredsson and Kobayashi and two ahead of Merten. However, Andrews dropped a shot at the 14th and Bradley bowed out with successive sixes, at the 15th and 16th, where she drove into a bunker and ended by taking three putts.

The 16th, in fact, proved to be the crucial hole. Merten chipped in from about 25 yards, to give herself goose pimples and a birdie three and Alfredsson dropped a shot there after going eight under par with a birdie four, her only birdie of the day, at the 15th.

The Swede missed the 16th green on the left and just before she chipped, she heard a roar from the 18th, where Merten had hit a six-iron to four feet and holed the putt. Alfredsson half stubbed her chip and swiped furiously at the grass, yelled something savage-sounding in Swedish, and failed to save her par.

She gave herself a chance to force a play-off when she hit a superb drive at the last — where Beth Daniel had taken ten earlier — and hit an eight-iron to ten feet. She misread the putt, however, and her misery was complete.



Nearly there: Merten drives at the 17th with the big prize within her grasp

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Brundle believes Williams should keep Hill

BY OLIVER HOLT

FROM Damon Hill's darkest hour, rays of light are beginning to emerge. His luck may have deserted him in the German grand prix on Sunday, but his admirers have not and yesterday, Martin Brundle, the man Hill beat to the coveted Williams drive at the end of last season, urged the team's owner, Frank Williams, to hand the 32-year-old Londoner a driver's berth again for next year.

Hill was more than 13sec ahead of his team-mate, Alain Prost, the world championship leaders, when his rear left tyre burst on the penultimate lap at the Hockenheimring and robbed him of his first Formula One victory. Given that engine failure had forced him to retire from the British grand prix just a fortnight earlier, when he was also leading, the unwanted twist was particularly hard to bear.

However, in both races Hill has shown growing maturity and style. His ability to win a race is now beyond dispute and although Williams said before Silverstone that he had not yet decided whether to retain him next year, Hill's position is getting stronger.

"He has done a better job than anyone expected," Brundle, whose eighth position in Germany in his Ligier did not do justice to his impressive performance, said. "Unless Williams can afford or otherwise manage to bring on board a second megastar beside Prost, I do not see why there should be any change there."

Williams is a long-time admirer of Ferrari's French driver, Jean Alesi, and has been consistently linked with him, but Alesi has signed a new contract and the only threat to his position would be if Ayrton Senna's tentative talks with the Italian team became more serious.

Hill, who has also grown visibly in confidence and poise off the track of late, has always maintained he is concentrating purely on the current season and, encouragingly for the Briton, Prost offered a hint yesterday that his team-mate's chances of winning races will improve as the season progresses and the Frenchman nears his goal of a fourth drivers' world championship.

"My lead of 27 points is a good margin," Prost said. "You never know what can happen in Formula One, but, in the latter stages of the season, I can afford to think more about just accumulating points rather than going flat out for victory. That should be enough."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Obree record stands despite helmet error

GRAEME Obree's 4,000m individual pursuit national cycling championship record will be allowed to stand, even though he wore an illegal crash helmet. He set the best time during a qualifying time trial for the event at the weekend during the national track championships at Leicester. Obree, from Ayr in Scotland, went on to win the final.

He was wearing a helmet that met international regulations but not British Cycling Federation rules, which require more protective padding. However, Willie Tarran, the chairman of the event's judges panel, said yesterday: "In no way did it materially affect the way Obree rode and there is no question of him not being credited with the championship-best performance."

Obree, who switched to an approved helmet for the later rounds, was wearing the helmet he used in Norway when he broke the world hour record ten days ago.

Leicestershire triumph

BOWLS: Leicestershire overwhelmed Kent 125-95 in the final of the English Women's Bowling Association inter-county championship at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday to collect the Johns trophy for the first time. The victory represented revenge for the watching Rene Riley and Adeline Parkinson, who were in the Leicestershire side that lost to Kent in the 1955 final. Leicestershire's semi-final victory over Cornwall was achieved with only two winning rinks, Sheila Gardner and Chris Purcival, but five of their six rinks were victorious in the final. Pauline Richardson was the most successful skip after lunch, winning 24-12, while Gardner enjoyed a 30-21 win over Ann Snelling.

Withers roars for Lions

POLO: Paul Withers inspired Joachim Gottschalk's Les Lions Farm to a 7½-4 win against Kholin Dhillon's Satnam in the medium-goal Harrison Cup at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. Jim Gilmore and Will Lucas both scored three goals as Kerry Packer's impressive Ellerston Black team beat Galen Weston's Maple Leafs 7-2.

LES LIONS FARM: 1, J Gottschalk (0); 2, N Evans (4); 3, O Ellis (6); back, P Withers (5).
SATNAM: 1, M Fowcker (3); 2, R Matthews (5); 3, A Parrott (6); back, K S Dhillon (1).
ELLERSTON BLACK: 1, R Williams (3); 2, W Lucas (6); 3, J Gilmore (4); back, J Gaunt (2).
MAPLE LEAFS: 1, G Weston Jr (2); 2, A Hine (5); 3, D Reid (6); back, The Prince of Wales (2).

Australian changes

RUGBY UNION: Australia have named three new caps in their team to play South Africa in Sydney on Saturday in the first of three internationals. The selectors have made changes following the 25-10 defeat by the All Blacks a week ago. Scott Bowen, who impressed in New South Wales's 29-28 victory over the Springboks on Saturday, replaces Pat Howard at stand-off half, while Warwick Waugh is called up to partner Rod McCall in the second row and Damien Smith, of Queensland, replaces Paul Carozza on the wing.

Hungarians mistaken

SWIMMING: Hungary, home to the most proficient concentration of swimming talent in Europe, has uncharacteristically erred. Against European Swimming League (LEN) rules, it has entered Judit Kiss, who competed at the Barcelona Olympic Games last year, aged 12 years and six months, in the 21st European championships at Sheffield from Friday to August 8. The rules state that the minimum age for competitors at LEN events must be 14 for girls in the year of competition. Kiss was born in Veszprem, south west of Budapest, on January 26, 1980.

Brazil brace themselves

FOOTBALL: Carlos Alberto Parreira, the manager, called for support from followers of Brazil for the remainder of their World Cup qualifying campaign after a surprise 2-0 defeat by Bolivia in La Paz on Sunday. "The fans must back us," he said after his country's first defeat in a World Cup qualifier. "We have another six games to go." The result left Bolivia top of South America group B with four points from two games and Brazil languishing in fourth place with one point from two games. In the past, World Cup qualifying matches have been little more than a nuisance for Brazil.

Restless Pyman easily clears first hurdle



Pyman: short of sleep

IAIN Pyman moved smoothly through his opening match in the English amateur championship at Saunton yesterday after a far from ideal preparation.

Pyman, 20, the British champion, who earlier this month recorded the lowest score by an amateur in the history of the Open, beat David Powell, of Bristol, by 6 and 5 and said: "I've hardly slept for the last two nights. There are eight of us staying in a caravan and my bed's too small."

His journey to north Devon had included a hair-raising moment on the M5. "I was doing about 70mph when one of the front tyres blew. It was a weird feeling and I didn't know how the car would react, but I managed to pull over all right," he said.

In the testing wind, Powell had fancied his chances of sending the Yorkshire player straight back home, but in the event he did not win a single hole.

Pyman, who will make his Walker Cup debut in America next month, needed only a bogey five to take the 470-yard first, was four up by the fifth and finished his man off with a five-iron to eight feet at the 13th.

One of the others staying in the caravan with him is the title-holder, Stuart Cage, his Sand Moor clubmate. Cage, in the opposite half of the draw, begins his defence today.

Pyman could come up against his England captain, Peter McEvoy, in the third round. The former British champion, in only his fourth competitive round of the year, beat Stuart Blake, of Kent, 5 and 4.

The first seed to fall was Paul Page, of Dartford, the player Pyman beat in the final of the Amateur championship in May. Page, one of five Walker Cup men in the field, crashed 3 and 1 to Ross Overton, 17, a Nottinghamshire player who is making his debut in the event. "I've been telling everyone I had no chance," Overton said. But he was never behind from the moment he won the second.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 13, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Chicago Cubs 3, Houston Astros 1 (11 innings); St Louis Cardinals 5, Colorado Rockies 4 (11 innings); New York Mets 4, LA Dodgers 0; Montreal Expos 5, San Diego Padres 4 (10 innings); San Francisco Giants 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Florida Marlins 7, Cincinnati Reds 3.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	62	38	.620	—
St Louis Cardinals	57	41	.582	4
Montreal Expos	52	47	.525	9½
Chicago Cubs	49	46	.505	11½
Pittsburgh Pirates	45	54	.455	16½
Florida Marlins	43	56	.429	19
New York Mets	33	65	.337	28
West division				
San Francisco Giants	57	33	.570	—
Atlanta Braves	58	43	.580	9
Houston Astros	51	47	.520	15
Los Angeles Dodgers	51	47	.520	15
Cincinnati Reds	51	50	.505	16½
San Diego Padres	38	62	.380	29
Colorado Rockies	36	62	.367	30

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 8, Oakland Athletics 7; New York Yankees 9, California Angels 8; Detroit Tigers 3, Kansas City Royals 0; Cleveland Indians 11, Seattle Mariners 3; Minnesota Twins 5, Baltimore Orioles 2; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Chicago White Sox 3; Toronto Blue Jays 9, Texas Rangers 7.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Red Sox	56	42	.571	—
New York Yankees	56	44	.560	1
Toronto Blue Jays	55	44	.556	1½
Baltimore Orioles	54	45	.545	2½
Detroit Tigers	51	48	.515	5½
Cleveland Indians	47	52	.475	9½
Milwaukee Brewers	39	57	.406	15
West division				
Chicago White Sox	52	45	.536	—
Texas Rangers	49	46	.516	2
Kansas City Royals	50	47	.515	2
Seattle Mariners	49	50	.495	4
California Angels	44	53	.454	8
Minnesota Twins	42	54	.438	9½
Oakland Athletics	40	55	.421	11

BOWLS

NATWEST MIDDLETON CUP: Quarter-finals: Cumbria 135, Northants 118; Norfolk 118, Northumberland 117; Somerset 140, Dorset 90; Kent 133, Surrey 91.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Truro: Cornwall 196-8 dec (P Barker 83; P Lovington 5-64) and 205-9 dec; Berks 232-5 (J Hodgson 101 not out). Match drawn.

CROQUET

BIRMINGHAM: British Open championships: Finals: Singles: R Bamford bt D Maugham, -25, +15p, +16pts; +4, +24. Doubles: C Clarke and R Fulford bt N Aspinall and S Mulliner, -28p, +26pp; = 19 -11pp +26pp.

CYCLING

LEICESTER: National track championships: Men: Final: G Obree (Ayr RC), 4.39.097; bt B Snee (Team Haverhill), 4.44.036. Bronze medal: S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 4.50.424.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP (at City Ground, Nottingham): Final: England 1 (Caskey, 79 pen), Turkey 0. Third place play-off: Spain 2, Portugal 1.

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: South American zone: Group B: Bolivia 2, Brazil 0 (in La Paz), Venezuela 0, Uruguay 1 (in San Cristobal).

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Group one: Cameroon 2, Niger 0 (in Yaounde), Benin 1, Gabon 1 (in Cotonou). Group two: Uganda 1, Sudan 0 (in Kampala). Group three: Algeria 4, Senegal 0 (in Algiers), Nigeria 6, Ethiopia 0 (in Lagos). Group four: Kenya 4, Mozambique 1 (in Nairobi), Zaire 7, Lesotho 0 (in Kinshasa). Group five: Zimbabwe 1, Zambia 1 (in Harare), Mauritius 1, South Africa 3 (in Port Louis). Group seven: Liberia 0, Ghana 2 (in Monrovia). Group eight: Malawi 0, Morocco 2 (in Blantyre). Mali 2, Egypt 1 (in Bamako).

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Arsenal 2, Manchester Utd 0 (in Johannesburg).

GOLF

SAUNTON, Devon: English amateur championship: First round: T Milford (Sidcup/Bourne) bt S Griffiths (Worcsward), 4 and 2. G Homewood (Ashford Manor) bt R Queros (Dartford), 2 and 1. W Bennet (Ranelagh) bt L Lockwood (Chigwell), 1 hole. C Chrystal (Addington Palace) bt R McSusty (Pinner), 5 and 4. P Eccles (Dunbar Union) bt S Andrew (Cotheridge), 2 holes. S Impey (Walton) bt J Smith (Parkstone), 2 and 1. N Scanlon (Arrowe Park) bt P Watts (Saunton), 3 and 1. W Nicolson (Tenterden) bt J Wood (North Devon), 4 and 3. R Goodey (Teignmouth) bt S Burnell (Brickendon Grange), 1 hole. D Haines (Burnham and Berrow) bt J Bromley (Patcutt Park), 5 and 4. N Reilly (Surbiton) w/o K Baker (Lilleshall Hall) scr. D Morton (Hindhead) bt P Webster (Sleaford), at 20th. D Whittaker (Bath) bt D Young (Bristol and Clifton), 2 holes.

C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt M Fudge (Royal Mid-Surrey), 1 hole. M Lassam (Hindhead) bt J Curtis (Salisbury), at 19th. S Shaw (Bromborough) w/o N Mitchell (Penrith), scr. M Le Mesurier (Brokenhurst Manor) bt G Puddefoot (Abbey Hill), 4 and 3. R Fletcher (Matlock) bt M Ellis (Cromer Hurst), 2 and 1. M McGuire (Drayton Park) bt S Martin (Burnham and Berrow), 6 and 5. S Pigott (West Malling) bt P Bird (Penwortham), 4 and 2. C Nowicki (Wilmslow) w/o J Davies (Hoswell) scr. J Griggs (Blackwell Heath) bt J Collier (Harborne), 1 hole. R Simmons (Tehidy Park) bt D Watson (Helsby), 2 and 1. D Taylor (Hazelmere) w/o D Jessop (Rochester and Cobham Park) scr. S Davis (Redlecton Park) bt S Dunn (Bridlington), 4 and 3. R Martin (Wasley Park) w/o A Pratt (Northants Cons) scr. M Stamford (Salford) bt D Hadley (Worsley), 5 and 3. I Pyman (Sand Moor) bt D Powell (Bristol and Clifton), 6 and 5. I Morgan (Newquay) bt C Jones (Pyle and Kenfig Hill), 3 and 2. M Pearson (Abbeydale), 5 and 3. M Medway (Cosby Heath) bt S Bake (Canterbury), 5 and 4. R Bland (Bramhall) bt P Scarre (Blackwell), 6 and 5. N Cain (Shirley Park) and P Stuart (Sunningdale) scr.

R Cowie (Malmesbury) w/o D Berridge (Hindhead), scr. S Nottingale (Worthing) and A Robinson (Bacewell) scr. J Bonnet (Brokenhurst Manor) bt P Newton (S Beds), at 19th. S Fellows (Sleaford and Cty) bt D Thomson (Sand Moor), 4 and 3. S Unsell (Goodwood) bt F Hunt (Sundridge Pk), 2 and 1. M Pennington (Ferndown) bt R Tate (Cirencester), at 20th. M Welch (Mt Ballan) and M Mountain (Abbeydale), 5 and 3. P Sefton (Dartmoor Park) bt D Chesters (Stoke Poges), 4 and 3. A Emery (Sefton Meadow) bt T Moncur (Thirsden Bowl), 4 and 2. P Alabaster (Three Rivers) bt G Edwards (Collingtree Park), 5 and 4. P Nelson (Ranelagh) bt D Warner (Silkstone), 3 and 1.

D Howell (Broome Manor) bt D Ross (Stoke Poges), 2 and 1. J Doherty (Worthing) bt P Kenyon (Ashdale), 1 hole. A Lawrence (Shendene) bt R Groves (Lambourne), 2 and 1. J Crampton (Swallowfield) bt S Stevens (Seedy Mill), 2 holes. G Wilkinson (Bristol and Clifton) bt S Hurd (Hunstanton), 1 hole. W Barden (Hindhead), 5 and 4. R Hodgerson (Seaford) bt C Manson (Sunningdale), 7 and 5. Byass (Broadway) bt A Pickering (Ilkley).

SUTTON, Massachusetts: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (all US): 288: P Azinger, 67, 69, 64, 68. 292: J Sebring, 73, 67, 65, 67. S Pember, 70, 67, 66, 69. 294: J Sindelar, 68, 67, 70, 69. P Clampett, 69, 71, 67, 72. 295: P Jacobsen, 68, 71, 68, 68. B Bryant, 70, 65, 70, 70. D Strange, 70, 70, 65, 70. W Wood, 68, 65, 72, 70.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB), 21.53 pts; 2, S Torrance (SA), 16.99; 3, S Ballesteros (Spain), 16.45; 4, N Price (Zim), 15.06; 5, P Douglas (US), 14.37; 6, P Azinger (US), 13.97; 7, J M Olazabal (Sp), 11.35; 8, I Woosnam (GB), 10.52; 9, T Kite (US), 10.34; 10, J Cook (US), 10.01. Other British: 17, C Montgomerie, 8.12.

RYDER CUP POINTS LIST: 1, N Faldo (Eng), 472.332; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 434.113; 3, B Langer (Ger), 388.356; 4, B Lane (Eng), 385.722; 5, M James (Eng), 332.069; 6, S Torrance (Scot), 322.484; 7, C Rocca (It), 292.375; 8, J M Olazabal (Sp), 274.233; 9, M Roe (Eng), 245.527; 10, P Broadhurst (Eng), 241.669.

GLIDING

LA ROCHE SUR YON, France: European junior championships: Second day (provisional): Standard: (210km quad: 25 completions of 32): 1, L Fernhoit (Den), 92.4kph, 707pts; 2, F Dubreuil (Fr), 87.66, 668; 3, A Kessler (Ger), 85.34, 649; equal 4, K Sobert (Ger) and M Grund (Ger), 85.66, 644; 6, J Letourneux (Fr), 83.36, 623; 7, N Temhoit (Den), 80.82, 603. British: 12, B Marsh, 78.81, 563; 14, D Allison, 74.8, 547. Club (164km tri: all 19 completed): 1, V Magnot (Fr), 82.86kph, 727pts; 2, F Van Hastt (Hol), 80.07, 714; 3, J Bouzoc (Fr), 82.98, 713; 4, V Mottuza (Lith), 82.72, 709; 5, R Compiger (Ger), 82.34, 702; 6, F Hahn (Ger), 79.97, 690. British: 11, K Hodgson, 74.49, 575; 15, S Housden, 71.1, 520; 16, R Toon, 66.7, 470. Overall (provisional) Standard: 1, L Temhoit, 1,609pts; 2, Kessler, 1,530, equal 3, Grund and Sebert, 1,511; 5, G Ginzo (It), 1,458; 6, S Colombe (It), 1,457. British: 10, Marsh, 1,402; 13, Allison, 1,377. Club: 1, Van Hastt, 1,891pts; 2, Compiger, 1,823; 3, S Kawa (Pol), 1,610; 4, Hahn, 1,570; 5, M Haussler (Ger), 1,509. British: 6, Hodgson, 1,449; 8, Toon, 1,383; 15, Housden, 981.

HOCKEY

VILLANOVA, Pennsylvania: Women's Inter-Continental Cup: Final: Germany 2, Argentina 1. Play-offs: Third place: Canada 1, Russia 0. Ninth: Japan 2, Belgium 1. Eleventh: Italy 1, France 0. Final positions: 1, Germany; 2, Argentina; 3, Canada; 4, Russia; 5, United States; 6, India; 7, Scotland; 8, New Zealand; 9, Japan; 10, Belgium; 11, Italy; 12, France. Top five qualify for World Cup in Dublin next year.

WOMEN'S UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Spain 2, England 0 (in Terrassa).

MOTOR CYCLING

SUZUKA, Japan: Eight-hour endurance race: 1, S Russell (US) and A Slight (NZ), Kawasaki ZXR-7, 207 laps, 8hr 01mn 13.713sec; 2, E Lawson (US) and S Tsujimoto (Japan), Honda RVF750, 207, 8.03.38.798; 3, T Aoki (Japan) and M Smith (US), Honda RVF750, 206, 8.02.04.474; 18, R Moore (US) and S Buckmaster (GB), Kawasaki, at 11 laps; 19, J Reynolds (GB) and B Bonhuil (Fr), Honda, at 11.

POWERBOATING

COMO: World inland circuit formula one: 1, J Jones (Wales); 2, G Cappellini (It), 3, P Duggan (Eng); 4, N Sawaddee (Thai); 5, M Werner (Ger). Overall: 1, Cappellini, 96pts; 2, Werner, 69.5; 3, Jones, 49; 4, S Kerton (Eng).

BIG COAST: International S2000 series: 1, J Travers (US); 2, T Bowden (US), 3, M Ashton (Eng).

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World junior women's championship: Second round: S Barlet (Ger) bt G Hegi (Swed), 9-2, 9-1. V Adunson (Holl) bt J Thacker (Eng), 9-6, 6-9, 9-1, 9-5. J Trenfield (Eng) bt S Thornton (Ire), 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; S Wu (Mal) bt M Hagazy (Egypt), 9-3, 9-2, 9-0. S Cook (NZ) bt T Naude (SA), 9-3, 9-1, 9-0; J Loader (Aus) bt W Maitland (Scot), 9-4, 9-3, 9-7. S Shoaibra (Egypt) bt G Knox (NZ), 9-3, 9-6, 9-0; N Toppozi (Aus) bt T Sheiton (Eng), 7-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-5; P Pantos (Austria) bt P Nemmo (Scot), 9-4, 9-5, 9-2; J Wilson (NZ) bt M Zan (Egypt), 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 9-7; N Grainger (SA) bt S Gargle (Ger), 9-2, 9-0, 9-4; D Leaves (Eng) bt B McAnally (Aus), 9-7, 9-5, 9-4; K Keevil (Aus) bt A Muller (Switz), 9-3, 9-1, 9-2. C Waddell (Scot) bt J Thomas (Card), 9-3, 9-5, 9-3; S Bland (Eng) bt C Schilenz (Ger), 9-1, 9-2, 9-2.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: Final: A Mansdorf (Isr) bt T Martin (US), 7-6, 7-5.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: Final: J Capriati (US) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-3, 6-0.

WATERSKIING

ROME: European junior and dauphin championships: Team: 1, Britain, 13,806pts; 2, Italy, 13,784; 3, France, 11,321. Junior boys: Overall: 1, J Seels (GB), 2,326; 2, E Dureux (Fr), 2,279; 3, A Gaubbel (It), 2,274; 4, P Price (GB), 2,218; 5, G Campbell (GB), 2,145. Jump: 1, Seels, 44.3m; 2, P Price (GB), 40.8; 3, N Bottcher (Ger), 39.9; 9, G Campbell (GB), 37.0. Slalom: 1, Seels, ½ buoy at 11m; 2, Campbell, 5¼ at 12; 3, Gaubbel, 5 at 13; 10, Price, 1¾ at 14. Tricks: 1, Dureux, 5,790pts; 2, Gaubbel, 5,560; 3, D Vioye (Holl), 4,330; 5, Price, 4,340; 9, Campbell, 3,140. Junior girls: Overall: 1, A Andropoulou (Gr), 2,949; 2, I Toures (Belarus), 2,729; 3, K Ceukova (Cz Rep), 2,244; 13, L Ringrose (GB), 1,595. Jump: 1, Andropoulou, 33.8m; 2, C Revollier (Fr), 32.1; 3, Toures, 32.0; 7, V Campbell (GB), 27.4; 11, Ringrose, 25.3. Slalom: 1, Andropoulou, 4 at 13; 2, A Pezzuco (It), 2 at 13; 3, Revollier, 2 at 13. 8, Campbell, 1¼ at 16. Tricks: 1, Andropoulou, 6,050pts; 2, Tourets, 5,360; 3, A Kohan (Belarus), 4,640; 6, Ringrose, 2,280. Dauphin boys: Overall: 1, T Asher (GB), 2,478; 2, M Rivé (It), 2,424; 3, L Mazza (It), 2,132; 5, D Sherman (GB), 1,953. Jump: 1, Mazza, 30.5m; 2, J Du Preez (SA), 29.9; 3, Asher, 29.4; 4, Sherman, 28.2. Slalom: 1, Mazza, ½ at 11; 2, Sherman, 3 at 13; 3, Asher, ½ at 13. Tricks: 1, Riva, 6,040pts; 2, Asher, 4,000; 3, R Sluda (Cz Rep), 2,700.

Dauphin girls: Overall: 1, L Castelli (It), 2,632; 2, S Vioye (Holl), 2,573; 3, R Crosland (GB), 2,181; 4, M Toms (GB), 2,026. Jump: 1, J Spindonovick (Belarus), 24.4m; 2, Vioye, 24.3; 3, Castelli, 24.1. Slalom: 1, Castelli, 2 at 13; 2, Vioye, 3 at 14; 3, Crosland, 1½ at 14; 6, Toms, 3¼ at 18. Tricks: 1, Spindonovick, 4,050pts; 2, F Primasetta (It), 3,880; 3, Vioye, 3,580; 5, Crosland, 3,260; 8, Toms, 1,980.

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday July 31

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION
X Bell Park v Ringwood
X Doncaster v Frankston P

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Bentleigh v Waverley
X Box Hill v E Brunswick
1 Chelsea v Clifton Hill
2 Dandenong v Sunbury
2 Croydon v Springvale U
1 Northcoting v Moorabbin
X Sandringham v Caulfield

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
X Dandenong v Seaford U
1 Eltham v Colac
X Essendon v S Werribee
2 Fawkner v Regent
1 Heidelberg v S Dandenong
2 Ringwood Vale v Monbulk

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
2 Brighton v S Springvale
2 Coburg v E Altona
1 Langwarrin v Cranbourne
1 Malvern v Glenroy

1 Mornington v Boronia
2 Mt Pollona v Rosanna
X Yarraville v Kalingal

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 E Geelong v Yalaum
2 Forest Hill v Berwick
1 Frankston U v Ballarat
X Heidelberg v Williamst n
2 Lalor v Westvale
1 Melton v Springvale C
2 S Werribee v Brandon Pk

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
1 Glenroy v Werribee
1 Hoppers v E Richmond
X Keysboro v Brunswick
1 Knox Park v Old Scotch
2 Lyndale v N Glenroy
1 Monbulk v N Sunshine

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Adelaide v Croydon
1 Enfield v Salisbury
2 Olympians v Blue Eagles
2 Para Hills v WT Barkalla
1 Woodville v Modbury

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
X Cumberland v Central D
2 Elizabeth v Seaford
2 Noarlunga v Port Lin
2 Plympton v Campbelltown

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Annerley v Logan
X Redlands v Micheton
2 University v Goodna

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
1 Clarence v Kenmore
1 Samford v Pine Hills

NEW SOUTH WALES SUPER LEAGUE
X Bankstown v Canterbury
1 Lochhardt v Eastern Sub
2 Wollongong v Adamstn

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Burnie v Cressia
X Olympic v Launceston

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
2 Kingborough v Hobart
1 Metro v Cressia
2 Nelson v S Hobart
2 Phoenix v University

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bell Park, Doncaster, Sandringham, Dandenong, Essendon, Yarraville, Heidelberg, Keysboro, Sunbury and Redlands, Bankstown Olympic.

BEST DRAWS: Bell Park, Doncaster, Heron R, Redlands, Bankstown.

AWAYS: Sunbury, Regent, Rosanna, Westvale, North Glenroy, Croydon, Blue Eagles WT Barkalla.

HOMES: Keilor, Langwarrin, East Geelong, Frankston United, Melbor, Glenroy, Inala Park, Annerley, Samford, Leichhardt, Burnie Metro.

☐ Vince Wright

FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Quarter-finals
10.30, 60 overs
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Surrey

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Bishop Auckland: Durham v Yorkshire Slough: MCC Young Cricketers v Kent. Harrow: Middlesex v Surrey. Ombersley: Worcestershire v Hampshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Netherfield: Cumberland v Cambridgeshire. Torquay: Devon v Berkshire. Lakenham: Norfolk v Buckinghamshire. Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Shropshire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester).

FOOTBALL (7.30 unless stated): Pre-season matches: Blackpool v Rochdale; Blackburn v Sheffield Utd; Burnley v Bolton; Bury v Manchester Utd; Crawley v Crystal Palace; Hamilton (7.0) v Aberdeen (7.0); Hednesford v Wycombe; Huddersfield v Tranmere; Hull v Rotherham; Kidderminster v Walsall; Portsmouth v Leeds; Reading v West Bromwich (7.45); Shrewsbury v Derby; Southend v Wimbledon (7.45); Wigan v Preston; Lincoln v Bamet.

GOLF: English amateur championship (Saunton); Scottish amateur championship (Royal Dornoch).

SQUASH: Women's world junior championships (Kuala Lumpur).

TENNIS: Utrecht tournament.



COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

July 7 Uniplex at The Belfry
1, Denise Carson, 28pts;
2, Richard Salmon, 28
3, Terry McDonald, 23;
4, Tim Waggett, 23
Aggregate score: 108

July 10 Lehman Brothers International, Sunningdale
1, Peter Marr, 35;
2, Ian Burn, 32;
3, John Wakely, 31.
Top Guest:
Bill Horwood, 35.
Aggregate score: 133

July 21 IEP Ltd, Burton-on-Trent
1, David Low, 33;
2, Stephen Turner, 32
3, David Ellis, 25.
Top Guest:
Stan Wright, 37.
Aggregate score: 127

July 21 Robson Rhodes, The Berkshire
1, Keith Mitchell, 36;
2, Piers Treasaar-Thomas, 32;
3, Steven Rees, 29.
Top Guest:
David Morgan, 37.
Aggregate score: 134

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WORD-WATCHING

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LIRATE

(b) Of a shell, having ridges, hence *liration*, marking of this kind, from the Latin *lira* a ridge or furrow: "This liration bears small tubercles connected by short cross-ridges with the denations of the keel."

POTICHE

(a) A large porcelain vase, usually rounded in shape with bulging shoulders and a widish mouth, frequently having a mouth, originally produced in China during the Ming dynasty, from the French in the same sense: "Answering back made her mistress rush at the bibelots, dust the potiches, her maid neglected."

TAMURE

(b) A Tahitian dance, the *ori Tahiti*, from the Tahitian: "Ah! the tamure! which was to the hula as whisky to milk." "Palm trees and girls dancing the sexy tamure."

BASHAW

(b) Local name for a very large catfish of the species *Pylodictis olivaris*, the mud cat: G. B. Goode, *American Fishes*, 1888: "*Lepiops olivaris*, the Mud Cat, Yellow Cat, Goujon or Bashaw is found in all the large rivers of the West and South. A good-sized fish, itself carnivorous, is the bashaw."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The elegant knight move 1 Nh8+! forces mate, e.g. 1 ... Rxh8 2 Qe6+ Kg6 (2 ... Kf8 3 Qe8 mate) 3 Rg3+ and 4 Qh3 mate.

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Balding team in key for Goodwood

Kingsclere trainer explains to Richard Evans why he changed his stable routine after adopting several ideas from Martin Pipe


STEPHEN MARKESON

Piped music: Balding adjusting the loudspeakers in readiness for harmonious sounds at his Berkshire stable

It is 6.40am at Park House Stables, Kingsclere. The early-morning calm at Ian Balding's historic yard on the Berkshire-Hampshire border is suddenly shattered by a thumping beat — and it is not coming from horses' hooves.

"Baby, baby it's all right now", the pop song by Free, is the latest offering from the local radio station which blasts out from eight loudspeakers placed strategically around the buildings which house 85 thoroughbreds.

Music, not to mention news and weather reports, catchy commercials and traffic updates, is not normally regarded as an essential ingredient when it comes to training.

But as Balding has discovered, what is all right for the horses trained by Martin Pipe, the champion National Hunt handler, is certainly good enough for his own string, including horses owned by the Queen.

The idea of playing music to relax horses and help them become accustomed to noise made by racecourse loudspeakers was just one of several ideas Balding adopted after a visit to Pipe's west country yard last winter.

The considerable changes he has made to the training routine at Park House has been followed by one of the best starts to any season, with 33 winners so far — just three short of last year's tally.

"Martin has been a good mate of mine for a long time and I am a great admirer. He had asked me to visit him at any time and I eventually went earlier this year," Balding explained yesterday.

"I was astonished at how busy everybody was at evening stables. Whereas our lads traditionally over the years mucked out, fed, watered and groomed the horses and then waited for me laboriously to go and look at them, at Martin's two dozen horses were being swum and put on the hot walker, others were being schooled or ridden, and some were being led around the yard.

"Everyone there was busy, including the trainer, and it just seemed a very happy atmosphere. I suddenly realised we had been wasting our time all these years during evening stables.

"Ever since then we have changed the way we do things. We have the music playing, which, of course, Martin does. I was starting it at 6am when the lads come to work, but grandma complained that it was waking her up, so we start it a little later. It is on till 11.30am and then from 4pm to 6pm. Sometimes classic, sometimes pop.

"It took a day or two for the horses to get used to it and some of the older lads didn't like it. But the music helps to relax horses and my travelling head lad says our two-year-olds are not phased by loudspeakers at the racecourse."

At evening stables, Balding now has at least 16 horses swimming, ten being ridden out, another dozen on a mechanical exerciser, and more being turned out in small paddocks nestling in the shadow of Watership Down.

He has also embraced Pipe's interval training techniques, especially during the early part of the season. "Martin is a fitness fanatic. His horses are fitter than anyone elses'. That is the simple answer. They make the running and when they are challenged they find a second wind.

"Our horses have always looked well, but I think they are looking extra well this year and there is no doubt the older animals are fitter."

Like Pipe, Balding is not afraid of running his horses regularly and he has an uncanny knack of being able to conjure considerable improvement from experienced handicappers like Song Of Sixpence, Knock Knock, Pay Homage and, more recently, Brandon Prince. Traditionally, Kingsclere horses come to their peak at the end of July, which may explain why Goodwood has proved Balding's most successful hunting ground recently, with 23 winners there in the past five years.

Twelve months ago, he enjoyed a glorious Goodwood as Lochsong won the Stewards' Cup, Knock Knock became the fifth stable runner in 12 years to lift the Chesterfield Cup, and Spinning won the Tote Gold Trophy and the Glorious Stakes inside 48 hours.

"I hate going to Goodwood without Spinning, who has had an injured hock joint," Balding said yesterday, as he supervised a final workout for the 13 intended runners at the five-day meeting.

Lochsong aims for the King George Stakes on Thursday and is well fancied, along with Abbey's Gal who runs in today's Oak Tree Stakes. Double Down and another two-year-old, Hunter's Heaven, are others who should go well. Balding's runners at Goodwood since 1988 have provided a £60 profit to a £1 stake. If the trend continues this week, it will be music to punters' ears.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ABBEY'S GAL
(4.15 Goodwood)
NB: Comanche Companion
(2.30 Goodwood)

Richard Evans was in excellent form at Newcastle yesterday. He napped Ihtiraz (7-1) and coupled it with Eurolink Thunder (5-1) for a 47-1 double.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.30: Despite the size of the field, the well-drawn **Comanche Companion** could be a good thing. She comfortably won a competitive boys' race six days ago, runs off the same mark today and Tony Garth can now claim 5lb. *Theoretically, she is* better off than when winning by five lengths at Sandown. Deevee and Dancing Sensation are improving fast, having both won their last two races impressively, and should figure prominently.

3.10: Blues Traveller arguably boasts the best form, having finished close behind User Friendly and Commander In Chief in his last two races, but the Barry Hills yard is still not firing on all cylinders. Beneficial is a serious threat but, with no obvious front-runner, may not get the strong pace he requires. In what could be a tactical race, **Needle Gun** can deservedly lose his tag as the best maiden in training.

3.45: King Athelstan ran a cracking race under top weight when second in the Magnet Cup at York but it may be worth opposing the likely favourite, who has not won for 21 months and appears to require fast ground. Knock Knock is well handicapped but needs fast ground and preference is for **Tapis Rouge**, an impressive winner at Chester last time.

BBC2

4.15: **Abbey's Gal** has improved with every race and is suited by sharp tracks. Ian Balding's filly has been working superbly at home and her turn of foot should prove decisive against Poker Chip, from the same stable, and Queen's View.

RICHARD EVANS

England youths promise rosy future

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LEAVING Nottingham on Sunday evening, relishing the manner of England's victory in the European Youth Championship more than the mere victory, I saw a double rainbow. It was not the normal phenomenon: it did not shine briefly and drift away, but sustained itself.

Could England's game do likewise? The history of our youth triumphs is that the names shine briefly and fade away without carrying the senior England team to anything remotely fulfilling the promise. Yet, in the aftermath to England's 1-0 defeat of Turkey in the final of the European under-18 championship, Ted Powell, the former schoolmaster and England *amateur international, promised* he will do what he can within the Football Association to ensure there is some continuity. He believes, for example, that four or five of these youngsters will, within months, promote themselves to the under-21 team and that there are equally if not better prospects, like Chris Holland, of Preston North End, ready to step into their shoes.

Listening to him, Serpil Tuzun, the vastly experienced Turkish coach, said: "Unless I am mistaken, your team here was much better in ability, mental approach, tactics ... everything than the one we played in Australia in March."

That team in Australia, the *bronze medal-winners in the* world under-20 championship, was much closer to senior status and yet performed with nothing like the freedom, the joy that surely should still be in the apprentices to the national game.


Joachim: natural

Powell, understandably, pointed out on Sunday that a nucleus of his players benefitted from weekly coaching at the 150 centres of excellence established throughout the country. Maybe so. But Julian Joachim, the little express from Leicester City, who galvanised the team, was not one of them. He, significantly, *had been kept away from* structured coaching, encouraged at every twist and eye-catching turn by Leicester to be himself, *simply* to allow the talent to flow with him.

We need not be miopic. One of the crucial factors in *England's victory was discipline*, the ability to master their temperament better than opponents. Spain, for example, had in their No 10 "Sandro" Sierra, a budding playmaker of quite exceptional talent, who scored the equalising goal against England when his side was already down to ten men and then swore at the referee and was also shown the red card.

"I was disappointed that my team played too many short passes, England had more variety," Tuzun concluded, before giving an insight into why his country has reached a point where, for three years, they have played some sparkling football in the world's leading junior championships.

The players begin at the age of ten, are formed into five structured age groups and, once they reach Tuzun's level, he tries to keep five or six in the team who can perform at age level tournaments for three years or more. Continuity and sustained faith is the lesson Turkey give us, even in their final defeat.

Like the rainbow, the end product is elusive, but having seen some light we would be foolish indeed not to look positively ahead to see what comes from the creation.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.30 Court Minstrel. 3.10 RIGHT WIN (nap). 3.45 Shabanaz. 4.15 Abbey's Gal. 4.45 Dollar Gamble. 5.20 Averti.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 TAPIS ROUGE (nap). 4.15 Queen's View. 5.20 Averti.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 COMANCHE COMPANION.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 CITROEN XANTIA HANDICAP (BBC1)
(£8,480: 1m) (20 runners)

101 (16) 015032 BUZZARDS BELLBUOY 18 (V,D,G,S) (N Gardner) H Collingridge 4-9-10 J Quinn 95
102 (7) 13-510 FAWZ 25 (G) (J Gompertz) R Armstrong 4-9-9 R Hills 88
103 (4) 002403 TROOPING 20 (D,F) (N Grandfield) G Harwood 4-9-6 W Carson 88
104 (15) 40318-8 SAAFEND 6 (CD,F) (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 5-9-5 L Dettori 88
105 (20) 300-550 VAYAVAIG 19 (G) (Dearflex Ltd) J Fanshawe 3-9-4 W R Swinburn 88
106 (11) 55030-3 EDEN'S CLOSE 10 (F) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 4-9-3 P Robinson 86
107 (8) 112311 DEEVEE 10 (D,F,G,S) (D Tanner) C Benstead 4-8-13 G Duffield 88
108 (14) 205230 HOPEFUL BID 21 (B,C,F) (N Capon) R Hannon 4-8-12 J Reid 91
109 (2) 0-28052 SALDA 10 (D,BF,S) (E Thomas) R Whitaker 4-8-10 B Raymond 88
110 (3) 6-68006 DIGPAST 10 (G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 3-8-9 T Quinn 94
111 (19) 015652 NOBBY BARNES 25 (D,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-8 G Carter 88
112 (13) 501-606 TAKENHALL 32 (F,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-8-7 F Norton 89
113 (1) 0-00440 COURT MINSTREL 11 (CD,BF,F) (G Knight) L Holt 4-8-4 A Munro 90
114 (18) 482308 TIFFANY'S CASE 11 (D,G) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 4-8-4 E Johnson 89
115 (5) 0-04044 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 10 (M Thurgood) M Usher 4-8-2 D Holland 88
116 (9) 000400 DIVINE BOY 10 (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 3-8-1 D Biggs 88
117 (6) 142311 DANCING SENSATION 10 (C,D,F,S) (Chelgate Ltd) R Akehurst 8-8-1 D Wright (5) 90
118 (17) 02-1451 COMANCHE COMPANION 6 (D,G,S) T Naughton 3-8-0 A Garth (5) [illegible]
119 (12) 3-01000 KINGSHIP BOY 20 (V,CD,F,G) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryan 4-7-12 A Tucker 89
120 (10) 052412 SILVER GROOM 14 (D,BF,F) (Mrs A Hamilton) A Jarvis 3-7-7 N Adams 88

BETTING: 7-1 Comanche Companion, 8-1 Dancing Sensation, Deevee, 12-1 Saafend, 14-1 Eden's Close, Hopeful Bid, Tiffany's Case, Trooping, 16-1 Buzzards Bellbuoy, Digpast, Fawz, Kingship Boy, 20-1 others.

1992: PHILIDOR 3-8-7 R Cochrane (4-1 fav) J Eustace 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUZZARDS BELLBUOY ½l 2nd of 13 to Forever Diamonds in a handicap at York (1m, good to firm). FAWZ beat Marine Diver ½l in a 10-runner handicap at Sandown on penultimate start (7f, good), with WHATEVER'S RIGHT (4lb better off) 2l 4th, VAYAVAIG (4lb better off) a short-head 5th and TAKENHALL (7lb better off) 12½l 6th. DEEVEE beat Blockade 2l in a 10-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft), with EDEN'S CLOSE (5lb better off) a short-head 3rd, WHATEVER'S RIGHT (6lb better off) ¾l 4th and DIVINE BOY (9lb better off) 16¾l 10th. NOBBY BARNES ¾l 2nd of 10 to Sandmoor Denim in a handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). DANCING SENSATION beat Don Tocino 3l in a 7-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f 110yd, good to soft), with DIGPAST (11lb better off) 12½l 6th. COMANCHE COMPANION beat Miss Fascination 5l in a 15-runner apprentice handicap at Sandown (1m, good).
Selection: COMANCHE COMPANION (nap)

3.10 GORDON STAKES (BBC1)
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £19,884: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

201 (4) 1-12121 BENEFICIAL 42 (D,F,G,S) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 9-1 M Hills 90
202 (7) 21-1443 AZZILFI 42 (G,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson 94
203 (2) 10-4234 BLUES TRAVELLER 23 (G) (W Said) B Hills 8-10 D Holland [illegible]
204 (8) 3-1354 MAJORITY 52 (F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hills 8-10 R Hills 85
205 (3) 24-5222 NEEDLE GUN 42 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-10 Pat Eddery 95
206 (9) 12-1052 RIGHT WIN 38 (G,S) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 8-10 J Reid 93
207 (5) 22-130 SHAREEK 55 (G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10 W R Swinburn 88
208 (6) 412142 TIOMAN ISLAND 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-10 T Quinn 90
209 (1) 53 PEACHES POLLY 20 (W Gredley) N Wright 8-7 G Duffield 73

BETTING: 5-2 Blues Traveller, 11-4 Needle Gun, 9-2 Right Win, 11-2 Beneficial, 8-1 Azzilfi, 10-1 Tioman Island, 20-1 Majority, 25-1 Shareek, 66-1 Peaches Polly.

1992: BONNY SCOT 8-10 L Dettori (6-1) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENEFICIAL beat Winged Victory a neck in the 8-runner group II King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft), with AZZILFI (5lb better off) a neck 3rd, BLUES TRAVELLER 3l 4th of 8 to User Friendly in the group I Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (1m 4f, good). MAJORITY 4l 4th of 6 to Massyar in the group II Gallinule Stakes at the Curragh (1m 2f, good to yielding). NEEDLE GUN 1½l 2nd of 4 to Kingmambo in the group I St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good to soft). RIGHT WIN neck 2nd of 3 to White Muzzle in a conditions race at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft). TIOMAN ISLAND neck 2nd of 8 to Spring To Action in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: NEEDLE GUN

3.45 WILLIAM HILL CUP HANDICAP (BBC1)
(£39,168: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

301 (2) 63-6301 TAPIS ROUGE 18 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-10-0 (4ex) Pat Eddery 85
302 (3) 12/0-602 KING ATHELSTAN 17 (D,F) (Mrs R Hood) J Gosden 5-9-2 B Raymond [illegible]
303 (8) 35-6120 ROSE ALTO 17 (D,F) (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 5-8-13 G Duffield 92
304 (13) 005360 EFHARISTO 41 (V,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-12 B Marcus 89
305 (10) 6-00352 TALENT 24 (V,C,F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-8 A Munro 82
306 (4) 350002 KNOCK KNOCK 24 (CD,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-8-4 L Dettori 90
307 (5) 2041-45 SHABANAZ 17 (G,S) (B Bence) S Norton 8-7-13 Stephen Davies (5) 88
308 (7) 130-100 DOUBLE ECHO 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 5-7-12 T Williams 94
309 (12) 1-46022 YILDIZ 11 (D,F,G) (S Milne) B Hills 4-7-9 W Carson 94
310 (11) 000-650 THE POWER OF ONE 55 (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 4-7-8 A Mackay 84
311 (1) 005031 PORT SUNLIGHT 12 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 5-7-7 N Adams 95
312 (5) 40-0282 KNOWTH 19 (G) (Restless Partners) R Akehurst 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 89
313 (9) 20-0622 RIVAL BID 21 (D,G) (D Allbaro) M Jarvis 5-7-7 J Quinn 85

Long handicap: Rival Bid 7-5.

BETTING: 3-1 King Athelstan, 11-2 Tapis Rouge, 7-1 Port Sunlight, Yildiz, 8-1 Shabanaz, Talent, 10-1 Knock Knock, 16-1 Knowth, Rose Alto, 20-1 Efharisto, 25-1 Double Echo, Rival Bid, 66-1 The Power Of One.

1992: KNOCK KNOCK 7-9-0 R Cochrane (9-2 fav) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAPIS ROUGE beat Young Senor 3½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Chester (1m 2f 110yd, good). KING ATHELSTAN 1½l 2nd of 13 to Baron Ferdinand in a handicap at York last time out (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm), with SHABANAZ (4lb worse off) 5¾l 6th and ROSE ALTO (4lb worse off) 11¾l 11th. TALENT 2l 2nd of 10 to Polar Desire in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). KNOCK KNOCK 5l 2nd of 6 to Lobilio in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm). YILDIZ 2l 2nd of 17 to Usaidit in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). PORT SUNLIGHT beat Jade Green 2l in an 8-runner apprentice handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, soft).
Selection: PORT SUNLIGHT

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 OAK TREE STAKES (BBC2)
(Listed race: fillies & mares: £13,702: 7f) (12 runners)

401 (5) 0-11050 TENDER MOMENT 20 (D,G,S) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-9-0 B Doyle 77
402 (6) 4-11123 ABBEY'S GAL 41 (D,F,G,S) (J Williamson) I Balding 3-8-7 L Dettori 96
403 (7) 0-16 ARJUZAH 67 (D,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-7 W Carson 86
404 (11) 31-038 FELUCCA 11 (BF,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-7 NON-RUNNER —
405 (4) 16-6824 MAGIQUE ROND POINT 33 (CD,G) (O Ishiki) H Cecil 3-8-7 W Ryan 89
406 (2) 133036 MARGARET'S GIFT 21 (G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 3-8-7 J Carroll 86
407 (9) 12 MATILA 89 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-7 R Hills 92
408 (3) 120-262 MITHL AL HAWA 21 (G) (M Suhail) J Fanshawe 3-8-7 W R Swinburn [illegible]
409 (10) 245-100 MOON OVER MIAMI 21 (D,F,G) (B Ross) C James 3-8-7 J Reid 86
410 (1) 163-556 MYSTIC GODDESS 20 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-7 T Quinn 89
411 (5) 31013- POKER CHIP 300 (F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-7 M Hills 98
412 (12) 12- QUEEN'S VIEW 284 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-7 R Cochrane 93

BETTING: 3-1 Abbey's Gal, 7-2 Mithl Al Hawa, 9-2 Mystic Goddess, 5-1 Poker Chip, 7-1 Queen's View, 8-1 Arjuzah, 12-1 Magique Rond Point, 16-1 Matila, 20-1 others.

1992: STORM DOVE 3-8-7 Paul Eddery (5-2 fav) R Charlton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABBEY'S GAL 2¾l 3rd of 15 to Ardkinglass in the group III Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot (7f, soft), with MITHL AL HAWA (same terms) 4l 6th. MAGIQUE ROND POINT was a neck 2nd of 6 to Polish Dancer in a listed race at Sandown on penultimate start (1m, good to firm), with MYSTIC GODDESS (2lb better off) 3½l 5th. MITHL AL HAWA short-head 2nd of 11 to Toledo Queen in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm), with FELUCCA (same terms) a neck 3rd, MARGARET'S GIFT (9lb worse off) 1½l 6th and MOON OVER MIAMI (10lb worse off) 4¼l 11th. MYSTIC GODDESS 13½l 6th of 11 to Niche in the group II Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). POKER CHIP 3½l 3rd of 4 to Sayyedati in the group I Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last season (6f, good). QUEEN'S VIEW ¾l 2nd of 7 to Yawl in the group III Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket last season (7f, good to firm), with MYSTIC GODDESS (same terms) 2l 3rd.
Selection: POKER CHIP

4.45 RALPH HUBBARD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,526: 5f) (14 runners)

501 (7) 23301 JADE PET 34 (D,G) (G Greenwood) R Hannon 9-7 J Reid 82
502 (2) 610 WINSOME WOOSTER 21 (D,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 9-5 Pat Eddery 82
503 (5) 41123 MAZEEKA 22 (C,D,F,G) (S Crown) M Channon 8-13 T Quinn 91
504 (12) 230 RAPIER POINT 19 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-10 R Cochrane 93
505 (3) 310 ALLWIGHT THEN 17 (D,G) (P Cosgrove) F Lee 8-10 Paul Eddery 92
506 (13) 1133 DANCE OF THE SWANS 17 (D,B,S) (R Johnstone) Mrs M Reveley 8-8 Dale Gibson 90
507 (8) 031 ADMIRALELLA 28 (F) (G Mortimer) J Akehurst 8-5 D Wright (5) 84
508 (14) 43202 DOLLAR GAMBLE 27 (J Leslie) R Hannon 8-4 A McGlone 94
509 (6) 316 CABCHARGE PRINCESS 22 (D,S) M Tompkins 8-3 P Robinson 87
510 (11) 010 MIRIAM 10 (D,F) (Miss A Whitehead) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3 D Holland 88
511 (4) 001 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 19 (D,F) (C Deuters) J Berry 7-12 W Carson [illegible]
512 (1) 4302 BOLD GEM 7 (F Wilson) B Meehan 7-12 B Doyle (3) 84
513 (9) 3101 DANCES WITH RISK 10 (D,S) (Rotovale Ltd) G Lewis 7-12 C Hawksley (7) 98
514 (10) 354532 COLNE VALLEY 14 (B) (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 7-9 J Quinn 97

BETTING: 4-1 Jade Pet, 5-1 Cabcharge Princess, Mazeeka, 7-1 Admiralella, Selhurstpark Flyer, 8-1 Winsome Wooster, 10-1 Dance Of the Swans, Dollar Gamble, 12-1 Bold Gem, 16-1 Colne Valley, 20-1 others.

1992: ZANY ZANNA 7-6 D Harrison (8-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

JADE PET beat Robin Lake ½l in an 18-runner maiden at Salisbury (5f, good), with MIRIAM (18lb better off) 17½l 11th. WINSOME WOOSTER's best recent form came when beating Robin Lake a short head in a 6-runner maiden at Sandown (5f, good to soft). MAZEEKA 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Rosadan in a conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm). ALLWIGHT THEN's best form came when beating Gone To Pot 1½l in a 10-runner maiden at Haydock (5f, good). DOLLAR GAMBLE 3l 2nd to Baskerville in a 9-runner maiden at Epsom (5f, firm), with BOLD GEM (1lb better) a head 3rd. SELHURSTPARK FLYER beat Dance Focus 1½l in 7-runner maiden at Redcar (5f, firm).
Selection: WINSOME WOOSTER

5.20 EBF NEW HAM MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £5,390: 7f) (13 runners)

601 (10) ARECIBA (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid —
602 (1) AVERTI (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery —
603 (4) AZHAAB (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson —
604 (11) BALMAHA (Flying Fillies) W Haggas 8-11 M Hills —
605 (6) BERMUDA LADY (Mrs B Godgeon) G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery —
606 (12) 2 BRIERLEY 14 (Mrs G Forbes) B Smart 8-11 W Newnes 82
607 (9) CINDY'S STAR (Mrs C Hastings) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 D Holland —
608 (2) 3 DIAMOND PARK 58 (L Ward) R Hannon 8-11 B Raymond 93
609 (13) 3 EARTH CHARTER 18 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11 B Marcus 75
610 (8) 0 LOCHBELLE 35 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11 L Dettori 80
611 (5) 24 NORFOLK LAVENDER 31 (Lady Watts) D Murray Smith 8-11 A Munro [illegible]
612 (3) 2 PLACITANA 19 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11 W R Swinburn 95
613 (7) SLIP A COIN (T Holdcroft) R Hollinshead 8-11 W Ryan —

BETTING: 5-4 Averti, 7-2 Areciba, 5-1 Diamond Park, 7-1 Earth Charter, 8-1 Azhaab, 10-1 Placitana, 12-1 Norfolk Lavender, 14-1 Brierley, 20-1 Balmaha, 25-1 others.

1992: MAGIQUE ROND POINT 8-11 W Ryan (5-4 fav) H Cecil 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIAMOND PARK 6¾l 3rd to Roklia in an 8-runner conditions race at Goodwood (6f, good). NORFOLK LAVENDER 2¾l 4th to Snipe Hall in a 5-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). PLACITANA 2½l 2nd to Tricorne in a 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). ARECIBA (foaled Feb 91) is by Risen Star. Dam useful Irish sprinter over 5f. AVERTI (Apr 91) is a half-sister, by Known Fact, to smart middle-distance winner Defensive Play. AZHAAB (Apr 91, cost $200,000) is a half-sister, by Nijinsky, to several winners.
Selection: NORFOLK LAVENDER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	22	65	33.8	D Holland	14	62	22.6
D Wilson	10	41	24.4	A Munro	23	104	22.1
R Armstrong	4	17	23.5	M Hills	19	90	21.1
J Gosden	14	63	22.2	Pat Eddery	46	228	20.2
P. Chapple-Hyam	4	18	22.2	W Carson	46	246	18.7
Lord Huntingdon	9	41	22.0	B Raymond	14	77	18.2

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
2.10 Moonshine Dancer. 2.40 Fair Flyer. 3.05 Drum Sergeant. 3.35 Kelimutu. 4.05 Essex Girl. 4.35 Wazin. 5.05 Hasty Bank.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 LADYGATE SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,534: 1m 3f 216yd) (10 runners)

1 3132 ANN HILL 8 (D,BF,F,G) R Hollinshead 9-7 M Humphries (7) 8
2 2453 CHALLENGER ROW 3 (B) C Thornton 9-5 M Birch 9
3 0-30 MOONSHINE DANCER 4 Mrs M Reveley 9-4 K Darley 3
4 3523 MILNGAVIE 4 (F,S) M Johnston 9-2 Dean McKeown 7
5 -030 CONTRAC COUNTESS 29 B Rothwell 8-13 D Harrison (3) 2
6 0800 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 13 W Musson 8-11 D McCabe (5) 10
7 0064 MR ABBOT 15 Mrs M Reveley 8-8 J Lowe 1
8 050 PRINCE PALACIO 25 M Camacho 8-6 N Connorton 5
9 0084 SUMMERS DREAM 11 B Richmond 8-2 S Maloney (3) 6
10 -006 EVAHART 10 M Hammond 8-1 J Marshall (7) 4

11-4 Ann Hill, 3-1 Milngavie, 9-2 Challenger Row, 6-1 Moonshine Dancer, 7-1 Contrac Countess, 8-1 Summers Dream, 10-1 Mr Abbot, 12-1 others.

2.40 MAX JAFFA MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£3,377: 1m 3f 216yd) (6)

1 30-3 BATABANOO 7 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 K Darley 5
2 0-44 BOLD ELECT 24 (CD,F,G,S) P Wigham 5-9-6 M Wigham 4
3 0016 SEA PADDY 7 (C,D,F,G) R Bastiman 5-9-3 H Bastiman (7) 6
4 3224 FAIR FLYER 33 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-2 Dean McKeown 2
5 3333 FAMOUS BEAUTY 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-6 J Dennis (7) 1
6 0036- SCALP 'EM 137J P Evans 5-7-7 L Charnock 3

7-4 Batabanoo, 3-1 Fair Flyer, 9-2 Famous Beauty, 5-1 Bold Elect, 10-1 Sea Paddy, 14-1 Scalp 'Em.

3.05 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,623: 5f) (10)

1 2025 METAL BOYS 13 (CD,F,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-0 D Harrison (3) 8
2 000- GIPSY FIDDLER 321 (D,F,G,S) J Glover 5-9-10 Dean McKeown 5
3 -215 SAMSON-AGONISTES 10 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 7-9-6 S Sanders (7) 6
4 0062 DRUM SERGEANT 3 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-3-4 J Weaver (3) 10
5 0006 ANOTHER LANE 4 (D,F) J Wharton 6-8-13 M Birch 2
6 VICTORIAS PASSION J Glover 3-8-10 S D Williams (3) 3
7 23-0 NOT SO GENEROUS 24 (D,F) W G M Turner 3-8-6 T Sprake 1
8 00-0 MISS LIMELIGHT 14 A Smith 4-8-3 S Webster 4
9 05- SAY SUMPAK 432 Mrs V Aconley 3-8-2 J Lowe 9
10 -808 SING AS WE GO 22 Bob Jones 3-7-10 N Carlisle 7

2-1 Samson Agonistes, 7-2 Metal Boys, 5-1 Drum Sergeant, 6-1 Gypsy Fiddler, 10-1 Another Lane, 12-1 Not So Generous, Victorias Passion, 14-1 others.

Blinkered first time
BEVERLEY: 3.35 Henbury Hall. 5.05 Monkey's Wedding.

3.35 TIMEFORM LADIES RACE
(Handicap: £2,758: 1m 1f 207yd) (10)

1 2514 WALKING THE PLANK 10 (V,D,F,G) P Walwyn 4-11-7 Mrs A Tinner 8
2 3210 TEJ SINGH 31 (F) L Cumani 3-10-10 Mrs S Cumani 4
3 2040 ROMOLA NIJINSKY 18 (CD,S) P Evans 5-10-5 Miss Diana Jones 6
4 2311 TOUCH ABOVE 19 (CD,F) T Barron 7-10-0 Mrs A Farrell 9
5 0484 LADY DONOGHUE 15 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 Wendy Jones 10
6 6301 DODGY DANCER 14 (F) M Channon 3-9-9 Lorna Vincent 7
7 -050 HENBURY HALL 13 (V,G) M Barraclough 5-9-3 Ann Stokell 1
8 00-1 KELIMUTU 28 (F) J Pearce 4-9-1 Mrs L Pearce 2
9 -005 TINSASHE 63 W Jarvis 3-9-0 Miss I Foustok 3
10 068- FATHER DAN 52J Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0 Gay Kelleway 5

7-2 Touch Above, 9-2 Walking The Plank, 5-1 Tej Singh, Dodgy Dancer, 8-1 others.

4.05 HOLDERNESS PONY CLUB FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,590: 1m 100yd) (5)

1 0-33 BRILLIANT 10 (CD,F,S) J Pearce 5-9-10 M Wigham 4
2 0015 ASTERN 13 (D,G) J Gosden 3-9-5 G Hind 1
3 4234 BILOELA 10 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-13 K Fallon 3
4 0104 MISTY SILKS 17 (D,G) M Ryan 3-8-13 J Weaver (3) 2
5 051 ESSEX GIRL 14 (D,G) D Loder 3-8-9 K Darley 5

9-4 Astern, 11-4 Essex Girl, 7-2 Brilliant, 5-1 Misty Silks, 6-1 Biloela.

4.35 EBF MINSTER MOORGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,199: 7f 100yd) (8)

1 DANCING REBEL M Bell 9-0 K Fallon 1
2 003 DOUBLE DANCER 15 N Tinkler 9-0 L Charnock 2
3 ELFLAA D Morley 9-0 M Tebbutt 3
4 MHEANMETOO M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 5
5 4 PRIVY COUNCIL 6 D Loder 9-0 K Darley 7
6 WAZIN H Thomson Jones 9-0 N Carlisle 6
7 WINN'S PRIDE R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 4
8 6 SHARONE 17 M Camacho 8-9 N Connorton 8

2-1 Wazin, 5-2 Privy Council, 6-1 Dancing Rebel, 8-1 Elflaa, 10-1 others.

5.05 FAMILY DAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,054: 5f) (13)

1 04 ARCTIC DIAMOND 12 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 11
2 04 DANTE'S RUBICON 31 J Bethell 9-0 L Charnock 1
3 36 GREENSON 8 P Cole 9-0 C Rutter 2
4 33 HASTY BANK 11 (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 M Birch 9
5 6 KING RAMBO 10 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 12
6 003 LEGAL TRAIN 20 J Etherington 9-0 J Lowe 13
7 2250 MONKEY'S WEDDING 32 (B) J Berry 9-0 K Darley 10
8 MR BERGERAC B Palling 9-0 J Weaver (3) 6
9 45 DESIRE'S DREAM 57 M Brittain 8-9 M Wigham 8
10 HANNAH'S MUSIC P Haslam 8-9 Dean McKeown 5
11 00 MAZINA 50 R Whitaker 8-9 J Marshall (7) 3
12 PETRINA BAY R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 4
13 003 SLIGHT ANNIE 13 M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 7

5-2 King Rambo, 9-2 Hasty Bank, 6-1 Greenson, 7-1 Legal Train, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 8 winners from 18 runners, 44.4%; D Loder, 3 from 7, 42.9%; P Cole, 7 from 17, 41.2%; P Evans, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Channon, 6 from 22, 27.3%, P Walwyn, 3 from 12, 25.0%.
JOCKEYS: Mrs A Farrell, 4 from 7, 57.1%; S D Williams, 3 from 15, 20%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 19, 15.8%; K Darley, 32 from 207, 15.5%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, ASHGORE (T Williams, 9-2); 2, Birchwood Sun (J Lowe, 10-1); 3, Our Shadee (M Wigham, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Sudden Spin (4th), 11-2 Lida's Delight (6th), 9 Trachelium (5th). 6 ran. 3l, sh hd, 1½l, 3¼l, 5l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £6.70; £3.10, £5.20. DF: £60.50. CSF: £36.42. 1min 15.12sec.

2.45 (6f) 1, MIDNIGHT MAGPIE (K Fallon, 10-11 fav); 2, Laurel Romeo (J Carroll, 2-1); 3, Sweet Whisper (K Darley, 9-2). 3 ran. ½l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.63. 1min 22.64sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.15 (7f) 1, EUROLINK THUNDER (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Half Term (L Dettori, 9-4 fav); 3, Young Senor (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Thourios (5th), 8 Tik Fa (6th), Facual, 10 Calling Collect, 25 Son Pardo, 66 Sooty Swift (4th). 9 ran. Sh hd, 1l, 7l, 2½l, ½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £1.50, £2.70. DF: £8.40. Trio: £48.60. CSF: £16.05. 1min 25.93sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.45 (7f) 1, IHTIRAZ (R Hills, 7-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Beware Of Agents (M Hills, 20-1); 3, Kayvee (W R Swinburn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Piquant (4th), Parliament Piece, 7 Herora (6th), Cumbrian Waltzer, 8 Double Blue, 9 Abergele, 12 Bragede (5th), 16 Will Of Steel. 11 ran. NR: Winged Victory. 1½l, hd, nk, 2l, sh hd. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £8.80; £1.80, £9.30, £3.50. DF: £135.10. Trio: £221.00. CSF: £119.98. Tricast: £1,510.80. 1min 26.73sec.

4.15 (5f) 1, LUCKY PARKES (J Carroll, Evens fav); 2, Stack Rock (Stephen Davies, 5-4); 3, Saint Express (A Culhane, 7-1). 3 ran. 2l, 3l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.40. 1min 0.94sec.

4.45 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, ERZIA (K Darley, 10-11 fav); 2, Roly Wallace (M Wigham, 11-4); 3, Tour Leader (B Raymond, 5-2). 3 ran. NR: Civil Action. 2l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.22. 2min 25.47sec.

5.15 (1m 4f 93y ds) 1, NORTHERN GRADUATE (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Hierarch (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 3, Mystic Memory (Darren Moffatt, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Moussahim (5th), 7 Roberty Lea (4th). 5 ran. Hd, 5l, 2l, 7l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.57. 2min 40.88sec.

Placepot: £458.30.

Lingfield Park

Going: good (turf), standard (all-weather)

2.00 (7f) 1, GINGERBIRD (W Ryan, 11-4); 2, Link Miles (J Reid, 6-4 fav); 3, Syabes (T Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Milainous, 12 Hello Mama, 16 Comeonup, Southdown Girl, 20 Stradishall (6th), Hoodlum, 25 Young At Heart (5th), Curbridge, 33 Emma Grimes (4th), Tropical Vista. 13 ran. ½l, ¾l, 3l, 2l, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.74. 1min 24.83sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, TRUTHFUL IMAGE (D Biggs, 4-5 fav); 2, Star Goddess (B Rouse, 10-3); 3, Aquado (D Wright, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Invocation (4th). 4 ran. NR: Very Dicey. 2½l, hd, 3l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.69. 1min 13.74sec.

3.00 (6f) 1, BIG SQUEEZE (D Biggs, 8-1); 2, Polish Admiral (N Day, 4-1); 3, Craggannore (D Holland, 11-4 fav); 13, Kutbeya (W Carson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Champagne Girl (6th), 11 Mr Devious, 12 Siganca, 14 Arecibo, 50 Anotherone To Note (5th). 9 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, dd-ht, 1½l, 3l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £7.70; £2.20, £1.90. Craggannore 60p, Kutbeya £1.00. DF: 31.80. CSF: 28.43. 1min 11.54sec.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, BARAHIN (A Clark, 6-1); 2, Full Shilling (T Sprake, 20-1); 3, Excess Baggage (W Ryan, 9-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Bondaid (4th), 7-2 Our Eddie (6th), 7 Chief Practice (5th), 16 Jackarew Boy, 33 Cheeky Tune. 8 ran. 6l, 3l, nk, 5l, 2l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £9.10; £1.90, £5.70, £1.50. DF: £636.80. CSF: £93.59. 2min 8.24sec. Winner bought in for 5,200gns.

4.00 (5f) 1, TUSCAN DAWN (G Carter, 5-1); 2, See-Deer (A Munro, 3-1 fav); 3, Bells Of Longwick (T G McLaughlin, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 The Noble Oak (5th), 13-2 Sigama (4th), 8 Berglot, 12 Turtle Beach, 16 Lorins Gold, 20 Stocktina (6th). 9 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £19.73. Tricast: £60.25. 57.34sec.

4.30 (1m 5f) 1, SIR THOMAS BEECHAM (T Quinn, 12-1); 2, Early To Rise (D Biggs, 3-1); 3, Concinnity (A Munro, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Yimkin Bookra (4th), 4 Side Bar (5th), 7 Singing Detective (6th). 6 ran. 4l, 2l, 5l, 7l, 6l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £16.70; £4.80, £2.00. DF: £13.70. CSF: £44.37. 2min 46.84sec.

5.00 (1m 2f) 1, MAY HILLS LEGACY (T Quinn, 13-2); 2, Wild Strawberry (B Rouse, 8-1); 3, Santana Lady (W Newnes, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Gold Tassel (6th), 8 Mon Petitnamour (5th), 10 Precious Caroline, 12 Heavy Rock, 14 Emerald Ears, Bellatrix, 16 Lucky Noire (4th), 20 Supper With Susie, 25 Chouette. 12 ran. ¾l, ½l, 2½l, ½l, 1½l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £8.50; £2.40, £3.50, £1.90. DF: £82.90. CSF: £57.06. Tricast: £198.52. 2min 8.98sec.

Placepot: £18.80.

Worth waiting for

Ray Cochrane had a 50-minute wait before Eurolink Thunder was confirmed as the winner of the Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle yesterday. Lanfranco Dettori, beaten a short head on the favourite Half Term, objected to Cochrane's mount and the enquiry was carried over until after the next race before the stewards overruled the objection.

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England women register notable victory

BY IVO TENNANT

GUILDFORD (England won toss): England beat Australia by 43 runs

ON THE day England failed to regain the Ashes, the England women brought some consolation with victory over Australia in their World Cup match yesterday. It was *oneupmanship of a kind they* could never have envisaged.

Since Australia were supposedly *the finest side in the* tournament, this will rank as one of the most memorable victories in England's history, even if that does go as far back as 1745. Indeed, all that was lacking was a declaration from Karen Smithies, the England captain, that she should now take over Graham Gooch's job.

What would the bystander have found upon choosing to come here yesterday rather than Headingley? No sledging, for sure. No pervading air of pessimism, for certain. No helmets, bouncers, resignations, yobs in the crowd, logos on the field or the need for a match referee. In short, an afternoon unsullied by commercial exigency.

No wonder, then, that not only were the Mayor of Guildford and Rachel Heyhoe-Flint in attendance but some 500 spectators besides. That England made a higher total than they could have realistically considered had much to do with Carole Hodges' second century, 105 not out, in three days.

What was notable about it was that it included as many as nine fours, seven more, for instance, than Janette Brittin managed in her innings of 104 against Denmark. These are outfields devised for the men's game and Hodges' bat weighs 2lb 7oz, which is lighter than those of several of her colleagues. Yet there was no better shot all day than the straight driven four with which she reached her century and England 200 in the final over.

Otherwise, Brittin made 61, sacrificing herself in a quest for quick runs at just the moment when the last wicket was surrendered at Headingley. There was another difference between this side and Gooch's: self-belief. It was evident in the decision to give the new ball to Hodges, who would normally come on first or second change. She was Sobers for the day.

The wickets, though, were taken by Smithies and Gill Smith, who took five for 30 bowling short of a length left-arm over on this sluggish pitch. The ball never came on to the bat and, for that matter, hardly ever left it, either. No Australian batsman — there were no references to batspersons yesterday — made more than 34 and before long they were playing "Simply the Best" in England's dressing-room. There were hugs, kisses and tears at the end, the like of which had not been seen from an England cricket side before.

❑ Jack Russell, the England and Gloucestershire wicket-keeper, is to have a benefit next year. Russell, 29, has been with the county since 1981.

Gooch should not be judged too harshly



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, reflects that the wheel turned full circle for a luckless captain

It was begun and ended by a heavy defeat at Headingley. Between times, the Leeds ground also witnessed his two greatest innings and two famous victories. But these are the highlights of Graham Gooch's time as England captain. The rest is a curious tale of might-have-beens, his emotions alternating between high ambition and deep despair.

Gooch was first installed by a now departed regime as the fourth captain of the desperate summer of 1988. He returned, 18 months later, as Ted Dexter's third-choice captain and was this summer driven to his end by Dexter's third-rate team. Such were the gloomy circumstances of his accession but his reign, lest we forget, was often more cheerful. Much of the script needs only minor tinkering, indeed, to read like a riotous success.

Cruel, painful misfortune prevented Gooch from establishing an unimaginable 2-0 lead in the West Indies during his first full series in charge. One insipid night, at the end of a red-blooded campaign, prevented him claiming the World Cup early last year. And when, with two fit bowlers, Gooch was denied by the ninth-wicket pair at

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Lord's last summer, Pakistan escaped to win a series that would otherwise have been England's.

Amid the near misses were some genuine victories. Gooch won both the home series, against New Zealand and India, in 1990 and ended New Zealand's proud unbeaten sequence on their own soil, early in 1992. At times such as now, when the nation wallows in the frequency and feebleness of defeat, past credits are conveniently forgotten, because there are no grey areas for our public figures. They must be hero or mug and Gooch, who goes out a loser, will be unforgivingly portrayed as the latter.

A more rational assessment would be that he was not a natural captain, for he inspired others only by the way he played. But as, during his period in charge, he played better than any batsman in the world, this was quite some inspiration.

Coincidence or not, his fulfilment as a Test match opener followed his elevation to command in 1990. His first 77 Tests contained only eight centuries: in his last 28 he has made 11 more, many of them when the team looked to him as its refuge and salvation.

He surprised many, maybe even himself, by acquiring a taste for leadership and a certain, individual style. In his earlier years he was a contented back-bencher, aspiring to nothing beyond his beloved batting. An initial shot at captaining Essex was abandoned and, when Peter May put him in charge against the 1988 West Indians, having already discarded Mike Gatting, John Emburey and Chris Cowdrey, it smacked of a last resort.

He was selected, insensitively, to lead England on tour that winter, a mission aborted by India due to his South African connections. And then came Dexter and the new England committee, the veto of Gatting's reappointment and the summer's lease of David Gower. Dexter, who had once described Gooch as having the inspiration of a wet fish, appointed him as his captain for the West Indies and quickly changed his mind as England won in Jamaica and were thwarted in Trinidad by bad weather, a broken hand for Gooch and West Indian time-wasting; it was the ultimate "if only".

One of Gooch's achievements, on that tour, was to instil a strict and proper sense of discipline among players who had been permitted too much theatrical licence by his predecessors. This was to be a theme of his leadership; transgressors, such as Hussain and Tufnell, were dealt with sharply and anybody who wanted to sulk or malinger on the field was left in no doubt about his responsibilities.

Gooch the captain believed that his example — which was consistently impeccable — should be enough for anybody to follow. What he could or would not do was make allowances for those whose ways were different. This alienated Gower and Tufnell, among others and led to suspicions that Gooch's England was a mechanical side, stripped of joy for the sake of conformity.

That he punished his own, ageing and creaking body was evident to all. Only last week, Allan Border shook his head as he described arriving at a ground to find Gooch, already changed, running around the square in his batting pads. "Graham has his own way of preparing," Border said, "and some of it may be pretty strange for a 40-year-old. But what he cannot bear is to see others less committed than he is." Gooch identified this trait in this summer's first Test and, yes, he could not bear it. He might have resigned on the spot and he almost did, after the second Test at Lord's. Headingley was one let-down too many.

He will wish, with hindsight, that he had not been persuaded to go to India last winter. He may even wish that he had stood down without pursuing his driving ambition to reclaim the Ashes this summer. Had he done both, his captaincy record would have stood comparison with many who have left the job feted and garlanded rather than with the sackcloth draped over Gooch's sloping shoulders last night.



The look of a haunted man: Gooch could barely hide his anguish as his dream of recapturing the Ashes turned into a nightmare of England failure under Australian pressure. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

THE CAPTAINCY

	Opponents	M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Ave	W	L	D
1988	W Indies (h)	1	2	0	93	84	0	1	46.50	0	1	0
1988	Sri Lanka (h)	1	2	0	111	75	0	1	55.50	1	0	0
1988-90	W Indies (a)	2	4	1	128	84	0	1	42.66	1	0	1
1990	N Zealand (h)	3	5	0	306	154	1	1	61.20	1	0	2
1990	India (h)	3	6	0	752	333	3	2	125.33	1	0	2
1990-1	Australia (a)	4	8	0	426	117	1	4	53.25	0	2	2
1991	W Indies (h)	5	9	1	480	154*	1	2	60.00	2	2	1
1991	Sri Lanka (h)	1	2	0	212	174	1	0	106.00	1	0	0
1991-2	N Zealand (a)	3	5	0	161	114	1	0	32.20	2	0	1
1992	Pakistan (h)	5	8	0	384	135	1	2	48.00	1	2	2
1992-3	India (a)	2	4	0	47	18	0	0	11.75	0	2	0
1993	Australia (h)	4	8	0	482	133	2	2	60.25	0	3	1
Totals		34	63	2	3582	333	11	16	58.72	10	12	12
As player only		71	128	4	4520	196	8	27	36.45			
Overall		105	191	6	8102	333	19	43	43.79			

❑ Gooch led England for the first time v West Indies at the Oval in 1988, when he deputised for the injured Chris Cowdrey. He retained the job against Sri Lanka and was appointed to lead the 1988-9 tour of India, which was cancelled following the Indian government's objection to the South African sporting links of some England players, principally Gooch. Gooch lost the captaincy to Gower for the series with Australia in 1989 (which was lost 4-0) and regained it for the tour of the Caribbean the following winter.

❑ Gooch missed five Tests through injury and illness during his tenure as official captain: two v West Indies 1989-90; one v Australia 1990-1; one v India 1992-3 and one v Sri Lanka 1992-3. All were lost.

❑ Gooch led England in more Tests than anyone except Peter May (41); to more wins than anyone except May (20), Brearley (18), Illingworth (12) and Hutton (11); and to more losses than anyone except Gower (18). He failed to defeat Australia in eight matches but presided over three victories against West Indies in seven Tests — after a barren period of 30 matches.

❑ Gooch scored more centuries as England captain than anyone else, passing the previous record of ten, held by May, during the Trent Bridge Test earlier this month. His innings of 333 against India at Lord's in 1990 is the highest by a captain in Test cricket.

Northants are well placed for late title challenge

BY JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Surrey (4) by 304 runs

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE kept their ambitions for the first county championship in the club's history realistically alive with this comprehensive victory over Surrey. Unhampered by Test match calls, secure in fourth place, nicely poised, as it were, on the approach to Tattenham Corner, they could be well worth a wager.

To come anywhere near to the red-hot favourite in the shape of Middlesex, who are already streaking clear of the field, they will need to beat them in the encounter at Lord's that begins on August 19 and, that apart, Middlesex may need to cross legs or at least stumble a bit before then. But with Essex, during a Test match, and Durham as their next two opponents, the signs for Northamptonshire are bright enough.

Certainly, they won in such a grand manner against Surrey yesterday that they will need little further spurring on. Even though Surrey, shorn of three players England duty, seldom looked or played like a team lying second in the championship, Northamptonshire took their chances well; and they sealed the performance by taking the last Surrey wicket shortly after lunch, the last eight batsmen having fallen for 48 runs in only 22 overs.

Northamptonshire had throughout looked the better side. Yesterday, they underlined their superiority in the field by bowling straight, on a pitch on which the ball was always liable to do something off the seam, and by taking some good catches. It was the turn of Taylor and Curran to shine most brightly. Taylor had four more wickets to give him five for 45 in the innings and nine for 96 in the match; Curran's four for 11 included a spell in morning which yielded him three wickets for nine runs in 37 balls.

He it was who accelerated the rapid slide to oblivion for Surrey by removing Brown and Lynch, the most likely pair to show sufficient resolution and technique to make matters awkward for Northamptonshire. Indeed, Lynch was unusually dour. Denying himself his habitual freedom of stroke, he battled away for 15 runs during a stay of 25 overs before becoming Curran's third victim of the morning with the scoreboard then reading 89 for six and lunch imminent.

Brown could count himself unfortunate in that he fell victim to one of Bailey's better catches in the gully, which is to say that he was out to a very fine catch indeed. When Lynch was leg-before, this time to a ball Curran moved back off the seam, it was nearly all over. The last four wickets added 19 of which Wagar made all but three. He struck one huge blow off Taylor, high into the seats at long-on. But it was the one bravura episode in a generally predictable piece of play.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD (*final day of four; Durham 1st inns beat Essex (7) by 146 runs*)

DURHAM: First Innings 483 (P Bainbridge 150, not out, W Larkins 93, J H Childs 5 for 99)

Second Innings

G Fowler c Prichard b Childs	29
M Lavender c Stephenson b Such	20
P W G Parker c Stephenson b Such	13
S Hutton lbw b Such	31
P Bainbridge b Childs	36
J Wood c Knight b Childs	4
A C Cummins c Lewis b Childs	10
*C W Scott c Gamham b Such	1
D J Berry not out	20
J D Glendenning not out	6
Extras (b 15, lb 10, nb 4)	29
Total (8 wkts dec)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-66, 3-92, 4-149, 5-157, 6-157, 7-163, 8-175

BOWLING: Pringle 9-3-13-0; Topley 9-3-18-0; Stephenson 10-3-27-0; Such 30.2-11-61-4; Childs 22-5-55-4.

ESSEX: First Innings 322 (M A Gamham 106, P J Prichard 61, D R Pringle 57, S J E Brown 5 for 111)

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c and b Cummins	2
J P Stephenson c Scott b Brown	13
J S Lewis c Hutton b Brown	10
Salim Malik b Glendenning	30
N V Knight b Cummins	26
M A Gamham b Cummins	42
D R Pringle lbw b Brown	0
T D Topley c Hutton b Glendenning	2
P M Such lbw b Cummins	0
S J W Andrew c Larkins b Cummins	0
J H Childs not out	1
Extras (b 8, lb 4, w 2, nb 4)	18
Total	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-17, 3-30, 4-58, 5-139, 6-143, 7-149, 8-149, 9-149

BOWLING: Cummins 14.4-5-32-5; Brown 15-5-40-3; Berry 14-2-47-0; Glendenning 13-7-23-2.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P B Wight.

Leics v Warwicks

LEICESTER (*final day of four; Leicestershire (4 pts) drew with Warwickshire (6)*)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 264 (K J Piper 52, D P Ostler 51)

Second Innings

A J Moles not out	6
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Benjamin	2
D P Ostler not out	1
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt)	11

FALL OF WICKET: 1-9

BOWLING: Benjamin 2-1-4-1; Mullally 1-1-0-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 188 (P A Nixon 64 not out; A A Donald 6 for 57)

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead

Lancs v Notts

OLD TRAFFORD (*final day of four; Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Lancashire (4) by an innings and three runs*)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 295 (M Watkinson 102, C L Cairns 6 for 70)

Second Innings

J P Crawley c Robinson b Afford	56
G D Mendis lbw b Cairns	10
S P Titchard lbw b Afford	16
N J Speak c French b Field-Buss	20
G D Lloyd b Field-Buss	6
*M Watkinson lbw b Afford	64
P A J DeFreitas c Robinson b Afford	22
†W K Hegg not out	31
P J Martin st French b Field-Buss	3
G Chapple b Cairns	1
A A Barnett b Cairns	0
Extras (b 14, lb 7, w 2, nb 10)	33
Total	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-49, 3-103, 4-118, 5-143, 6-218, 7-221, 8-238, 9-262

BOWLING: Cairns 11-2-18-3; Evans 7-2-22-0; Lewis 6-3-11-0; Afford 33-10-84-4; Field-Buss 32-18-125-3.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 560 (P Johnson 187, C C Lewis 83, P R Pollard 65, C L Cairns 51, M Wallworth 4 for 117).

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White

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Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON (*final day of four; Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Surrey (4) by 304 runs*)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 238.

Second Innings 363 (A J Lamb 88, A Fordham 87, R J Bailey 86).

SURREY: First Innings 189

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Taylor	5
P D Atkins c Love b Taylor	21
D M Ward lbw b Curran	32
†G J Kersey c Ripley b Curran	4
*M A Lynch lbw b Curran	15
A D Brown c Bailey b Curran	4
A W Smith lbw b Taylor	8
M A Butcher c Ripley b Taylor	1
Wagar Younis c and b Taylor	16
J E Benjamin c Felton b Ambrose	0
A J Murphy not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1)	2
Total	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-44, 3-60, 4-70, 5-78, 6-89, 7-92, 8-103, 9-104.

BOWLING: Ambrose 19-11-22-1; Taylor 19.4-7-46-5; Penberthy 8-4-13-0; Curran 12-7-11-4; Roberts 2-0-7-0; Bailey 1-0-8-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R Julian

Worcs v Glamorgan

WORCESTER (*final day of four; Glamorgan (20pts) beat Worcestershire (6) by one wicket*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 267 (D B D'Oliveira 72, S D Thomas 4-84)

Second Innings 247 (P J Newport 54, Thomas 5 for 76)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 184 (R P Lefebvre 52, C M Tolley 4 for 67).

Second Innings

A Dale c Radford b Lampitt	124
*H Morris c M J Weston b Tolley	15
M P Maynard c Rhodes b Newport	2
I V A Richards lbw b Newport	0
P A Cottey c Curtis b Lampitt	7
D L Hemp b Radford	52
R D B Croft c Hick b Illingworth	43
†C P Metson run out	42
P P Lefebvre not out	18
S L Watkin lbw b Lampitt	0
S D Thomas not out	9
Extras (b 8, nb 12)	20
Total (9 wkts)	334

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-73, 3-79, 4-92, 5-180, 6-269, 7-283, 8-320, 9-321

BOWLING: Newport 21-4-60-2; Tolley 10-3-42-1; Illingworth 26-3-3-81-1; Lampitt 26.5-84-3; Hick 6-1-19-0; Radford 6-0-26-1; M J Weston 5-0-14-0

Umpires: K E Palmer and A A Jones.

Women's World Cup

GUILDFORD (*England won by 40 runs*

ENGLAND

J Brittin run out	61
H Plimmer c Matthews b Brown	4
C Hodges not out	105
B Daniels c Calver b Griffiths	16
J Chamberlain b Griffiths	0
J Godman run out	3
S Kitson not out	2
Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 1, w 9)	17
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-132, 3-174, 4-175, 5-195

BOWLING: Calver 12-1-39-0; Brown 12-1-33-1; Goss 9-1-26-0; Larsen 10-1-33-0; Bow 6-0-24-0; Clarke 3-0-13-0; Griffiths 8-0-33-2.

AUSTRALIA

B Haggerty c Hodges b Smithies	31
B Clark c Smith b Smithies	18
*D Annetts c Godman b Smithies	3
Z Goss c Smith b Chamberlain	0
S Griffiths c Taylor b Smith	34
L Larsen lbw Smith	13
J Broadbent b Smith	1
B Calver not out	34
K Brown b Smith	4
C Matthews c Plimmer b Smith	6
S Bow c Brown b Kitson	5
Extras (lb 8, w 5)	13
Total (51.5 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-40, 3-49, 4-69, 5-103, 6-112, 7-113, 8-137, 9-155.

BOWLING: Taylor 9-3-30-0; Hodges 7-1-19-0; Smithies 12-5-13-3; Chamberlain 8-1-34-1; Smith 12-1-30-5; Kitson 5.5-0-33-1.

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	11	6	0	3	23	39	150
Glamorgan (14)	11	6	3	2	23	35	154
Surrey (13)	10	5	3	2	23	39	142
Northants (3)	10	5	3	2	17	35	132
Notts (4)	10	4	2	3	19	38	127
Somerset (9)	10	5	4	1	14	31	125
Lancs (6)	9	4	3	2	16	34	114
Worcs (17)	10	4	2	3	13	29	116
Leics (12)	10	4	4	2	26	22	112
Kent (2)	11	3	3	5	25	39	111
Warwicks (5)	10	3	4	3	17	32	97
Hampshire (15)	10	3	3	4	20	26	96
Essex (1)	10	2	3	5	32	31	95
Yorkshire (16)	9	3	2	4	11	28	87
Derbyshire (8)	10	2	5	3	17	32	81
Durham (18)	10	1	6	3	14	30	66
Sussex (7)	10	1	6	3	14	29	59
Glous (10)	9	0	7	2	10	27	37

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire records include 8 points for bad match (1992 positions in brackets)

Sussex up against favourites

IF Northamptonshire do not retain the NatWest Trophy, a very good, or lucky, side must deprive them of it. Already they have handsomely beaten Lancashire and Essex and today, in the quarter finals, they meet Sussex (Michael Henderson writes).

Home advantage does not always bestow additional favours. It did Essex little good, although Allan Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, would prefer not to play the tie at Hove, where Sussex dispatched Hampshire. Sussex have drawn inspiration from the 60-over competition from the days when they won the old Gillette Cup but it is hard to look beyond Lamb, Ambrose, Bailey and Curran.

The outcome of each of the other three ties will be determined by mood, circumstance and, particularly in the case of Yorkshire and Warwickshire at Headingley, the pitch.

Since reaching five Lord's finals in six seasons, Somerset have not been there for ten years but must first defeat a capable Surrey. In those days, Viv Richards, of Glamorgan, carried the Somerset colours. A popular final would bring together his old club and Glamorgan, who meet Worcestershire.

Glamorgan snatch spoils

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

WORCESTER: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by one wicket

MAKE no mistake, Glamorgan achieved a magnificent victory here at the end of a memorable match. How much emotional capital they can draw on today, when the teams meet again at Swansea, is another matter, for they spent so much last night in claiming the win that takes them second, 36 points behind Middlesex.

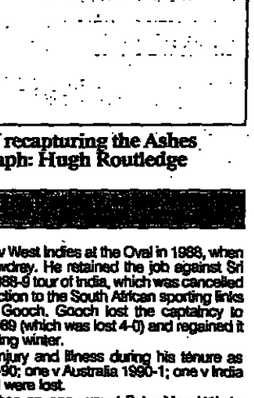
To win a four-day match by a single wicket, with three balls to spare, can put years on a man. To do it by making the highest score of the game, after four wickets fell for 92 before lunch forces one to admire their gameness.

The batsman who confirmed the victory, by sweeping Illingworth over the field Curtis had brought in to prevent the single, is, at 18, hardly a man at all and, at No 11, certainly no batsman. But Darren Thomas, who joined Lefebvre with ten runs needed, held his nerve most capably.

Thomas will remember this game for as long as he lives and for more than the nine wickets he took. As a left-hander, he was less troubled by the ball Illingworth, with depressing frequency, landed in the rough outside what was, for him, the off stump. With his winning stroke, justice was seen to be done.

Lefebvre played a more valuable part than his 18 runs might suggest. Tempted as he must have been to clear the field in those closing stages, as he had twice done before Thomas arrived, he opted for prudence.

Never before have the four separate innings of a championship match divided neatly into successive days. When they set off for the 331 they needed Glamorgan knew they had to make 64 runs more than Worcestershire had done on the first of them. Circumstances demanded an innings of character and application.



Dale: emerging

In providing it, Adrian Dale revealed qualities that will surely be rewarded with an A tour this winter. Opening in place of the injured James, he looked an impressive player as he made 124 in 20 minutes of the six hours.

Those runs emerged from blood, toil and sweat after Newport, in an excellent second spell, persuaded Maynard to follow a wider ball and snared Richards leg-before. Dale added 88 with Hemp then another 89 with Croft, both of whom went for their shots with admirable freedom.

A superb straight drive off Illingworth and a backfoot force through cover off Newport were the pick of Dale's 16 boundaries. He has now made 1,281 runs this season, more than anyone, English or Australian, and nobody can be ignorant of his developing talent.

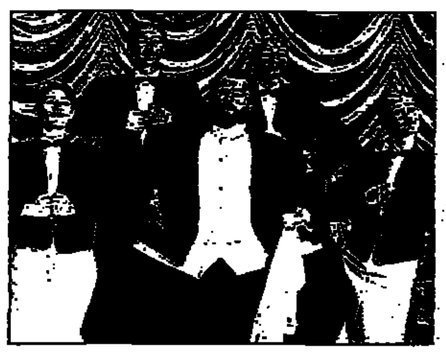
When he skied Lampitt to mid-off, Glamorgan still required 38 and it would have been an absurd dereliction of his duty had they not got them. After Metson was run out and Watkin walked across a straight one, Lefebvre and Thomas completed the job.

❑ NEIL Foster yesterday announced his retirement from first-class cricket, just a month after playing the last of his 29 Test matches.

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BBC1

6.00 **Business Breakfast** (14282)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (16195350)
9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. Cartoon (r) (1099553) **9.25 Why Don't You ...?** Today, a fitness competition (r) (s) (6732176)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3412244) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (9389027)
10.25 Get Your Own Back. Tough game show with Dave Benson Phillips (r) (s) (4035640)
10.45 The O-Zone. Pop news (s) (9069379)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6409379)
11.05 Carol and Company. A mother and daughter singing act falls apart (7917689)
11.30 Come Dancing 1993 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7669)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7049350) **12.05 Amazon**(1023447) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36771379)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (65843)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (72600824)
1.50 Going For Gold. European quiz presented by Henry Kelly (s) (72604640)
2.15 Glorious Goodwood. Five days of racing are promised at the Sussex racecourse (129447)
4.00 Cartoon (r) (2513911)
4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show. *Cartoon (r)* (2519195)
4.20 Sssports. John Fashanu and Annabel Croft investigate children's sports around the world (9398602) **4.35 Run the Risk.** Game show (r) (s) (1625089) **5.00 Newsround** (6619027)
5.10 Tomorrow's End. (Ceefax) (5398602)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (695331)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (331)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (911). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours



Comic tenor: Bobby Davro's Davarotti (7.00pm)

7.00 Bobby Davro — Rock with Laughter. The impressionist and entertainer appears with guests, the singer-songwriter, Neil Sedaka, and comedian Bradley Walsh. (Ceefax) (s) (6195)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (195)
8.00 The Good Life. Last in the re-run of the green comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5843)
8.30 May to December. The nauseating couple are now parents (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4350)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6176)
9.30 Ruby's Hit and Run. Brash comic Ruby Wax *enjoys some random encounters (r)* (69008). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 10.00 Film: Vigilante Cop 11.30-12.30 Cricket — NatWest Trophy
10.00 French and Saunders. Featuring *Whatever Happened to Baby Dawn* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (31737)
10.30 Film: Vigilante Cop (1991). A police officer takes the law into his own hands. With Alex McArthur and Dale Midkiff. Directed by Mel Damski (42495973)
12.05 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. *Highlights from one of today's quarter-final matches* (s) (3370770)
1.05 Weather (1574062)
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (scrambled) (86645)
3.15 BBC Select: Legal Network Television (scrambled) (15157)
5.30-6.00 BBC Select: Nuclear Electric — a Powerful Result (46409)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Science — *A Day in the Life* (7160331) **7.10** Plants' Designs for Living (6056843) **7.35** Geology: Glaciers (3015027)
8.00 Breakfast News (2925621)
8.15 Westminster (1277331)
9.00 Film: Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy (1955, b/w). Bud and Lou run riot in Egypt when a cursed medallion leads them to an ancient tomb *Directed by Charles Lamont (8991331)*
10.20 Cricket. Live coverage of one of today's 60-overs-a-side NatWest Trophy quarter-finals (s) (21675640). **Wales:** Glamorgan v Worcester
12.55 A Week To Remember (b/w) (5608485)
1.05 Fireman Sam (r) **1.15 The Family Ness** (r) (87546195)
1.20 Cricket. Further live coverage of a NatWest Trophy quarter-final (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00** (10885114). **Wales:** Glamorgan v Worcester
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3696602) **3.05 Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (2696114) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9489534)
4.00 Glorious Goodwood and Cricket. Live coverage of the Oak Tree Stakes (4.15) followed by a return to the NatWest Trophy quarter-final match (s) (2018534). **Wales:** *Glamorgan v Worcester*
7.30 The M50 Murder: An Unsafe Conviction. Tim Rogers reports on the new evidence that casts doubt on the conviction of Eddie Browning, a former Welsh nightclub bouncer, for the murder in 1988 of pregnant mother Marie Wilks, attacked after her car broke down on the M50 motorway (737)



On holiday: sand, sea and ... sewage (8.00pm)

8.00 Nature: Baywatch. (Ceefax) See Choice (3485)
8.30 Far Flung Floyd: North Thailand. (Ceefax) See Choice (2992)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Time-travelling scientist Sam emerges in the body of a dazed New York cab driver who runs down a woman pedestrian. Fortunately she turns out to be his guardian angel on a mission to prevent him from being shot by robbers. Starring Scott Bakula and Liz Torres. (Ceefax) (s) (993379)
9.50 Scarfe On Sex. Cartoonist Gerald Scarfe takes a look at the pleasures of the flesh that takes him on a journey encompassing his childhood, the London underground, Harley Street and a bondage and breakfast hotel (r). (Ceefax) (285263)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (311447)
11.15 Over the Edge: On the Razzle. This week's programme from the BBCtv's Disability Programmes Unit follows five disabled heterosexual women on a night out in London and a trio of disabled lesbians on a visit to a lesbian wine bar. (Ceefax) (471553) **11.55 Weather** (187992)
12.00 The Jewish Enigma. How one Jewish community in America is managing to retain its identity (36022). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE

Nature: Baywatch
BBC2, 8.00pm

As the school holidays begin, Mike Embley looks at the state of Britain's beaches and offers a top ten of the cleanest and dirtiest. In Blackpool, which comes out badly, a comedian jokes that the best way to get brown is to spend five minutes in the water. This is a tasteless reference to the untreated sewage which is pumped into the sea around Britain at the rate of 3,000 million gallons a day. Blackpool, still Britain's most popular resort, has long since given up trying to promote its beach and directs holidaymakers to on-shore pleasures instead. But this may have more to do with raw west-coast weather than raw sewage. Britain's cleanest beach, according to *Nature*, is in Dorset. I doubt whether many viewers will have heard of it.



Beach patrol: Robert Guillaume, centre (C4, 8.30pm)

Pacific Station
Channel 4, 8.30pm

The channel's latest comedy import features Robert Guillaume, the deadpan star of *Soap* and *Benson*, as an elderly detective working from a police station at the Californian beach. Guillaume's Bob Ballard needs all the wry humour he can muster. First he is passed over for captain in favour of a younger man. He then has to work with an unorthodox new colleague just back from psychiatric leave. The other members of the all-male team are an outsize deputy commissioner, with a knack of turning up at the wrong moment, and an outrageous womaniser. Judging by this pilot show, it is an effective mixture but one that offers few surprises. As in so many American comedies, gags matter more than character.

Rear Window: Tales from Havana
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A report from Cuba focuses on the country's leading film director as he shoots his latest picture. Now in his sixties, Tomás Alea became internationally known with *Memories of Underdevelopment*, an incisive questioning of the Castro revolution through the eyes of a middle-class intellectual. An earlier film, *Death of a Bureaucrat*, satirised the regime's stultifying officialdom. Despite this subversion, Alea has survived, although in an industry starved of money and facilities, not without difficulty. Nor does he show signs of mellowing. His new film, *Strawberry and Chocolate*, should be even more critical, challenging Cuba's social and cultural conformity and attacking its repressive attitude towards homosexuals.

Far Flung Floyd: North Thailand
BBC2, 8.30pm

Keith Floyd has a new chum this week. In addition to cameraman Colin, forever entreated to come in for the close-up, there is a mysterious Hector. Just who Hector is, we never learn. Perhaps he is a Floydian slip. But there is no time to wonder as our hyperactive cook takes off for the jungles and caves of Thailand. The paradox of Floyd's programmes is that they seem wonderfully impromptu, not to say shambolic, yet must take weeks to set up. You cannot believe for a minute that he stops in the middle of nowhere, happens to come across a stove and summons up the correct ingredients in just the right quantities. The trick is to make it look spontaneous and this, more than his cookery skills, is Floyd's genius. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Cathy Shipton from the cast of *Casualty* (59168331)
8.45 Parkin's In ... Gear! Holiday entertainment from Simon Parkin (7352447)
9.25 The Edge Youth magazine (s) (5329805) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4768350)
10.00 Elfego Baca Disney's western adventure series (3460756) **10.55 News** headlines (7993089)
11.00 James Bond Jr (7903466) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Celebrity game show (7906553) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7100485)
12.00 Cartoon featuring Pluto (3361602) **12.10 Wizadora.** Children's puppet series (r) (2523263)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (7813640) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17629552)
1.15 Home and Away *Family drama. (Teletext)* (655094) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (838885)



Greening of the planet: Anne Davies (2.15pm)

2.15 The Earth Dwellers' Guide The first of a new six-part series on environmental issues, presented by Anne Davies (950486) **2.45 Families** (s) (8832242)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3614008) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3613379) **3.20 The Young Doctors** (2123805)
3.50 Fraggle Rock (r) (9476060) **4.00 Rubbish — King of the Jumble** (s) (9303534) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (3792621) **4.40 Wilderness Edge** Last episode (r) (Teletext) (2101602)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2601824)
5.40 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (245485)
6.00 ***London Tonight.*** *(Teletext) (42331)*
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1263)
7.30 Transplant Families A documentary following the progress of Fiona and Hannah, two young children who received new hearts at Harefield Hospital, which is now under threat of closure (263)
8.00 The Bill: A Malicious Prosecution. Garfield and Marshall face a civil action for wrongful arrest and Quinnan faces the same fate when he arrests a burglar with an unusual alibi (Teletext) (5981)
8.30 The Cook Report: Sex by Computer. Roger Cook is on the trail of high-technology paedophiles who sell illegal and obscene pictures of children on computer disc (6718)
9.00 Blind Faith. The first of a two-part drama being shown on consecutive nights about a supposedly model husband and father who becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his wife. Starring Robert Urich. Continues after the news. (Teletext) (s) (2485)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (26805) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (179553)
10.40 Blind Faith continued (704008)
11.30 Spitting Back. Highlights from the *Spitting Image* satires. (Teletext) (35114)
12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H (35954)
1.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (53409)
2.00 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (88683)
2.30 Film: The False Prince (1983). A Czechoslovak fairy tale about an indolent tailor who passes himself off as a prince. Starring Svetislav Goncic and Pinkas Braun, directed by Dusan Rapos (11645)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (41935)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (11374)
5.30 ITN Morning News (31577). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cartoon adventures of a cat (1502350) **6.45 Ovide.** Animation (9364263)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (55466)
9.00 Saved By the Bell American high school drama series (r) (36282)
9.30 Star Street Animation based on the signs of the zodiac (r) (6998465) **9.55 Hammerman** (r) (6973176) **10.25 Pugwall** (r) (4786756) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (5696843)
11.20 The Henderson Kids Australian family drama (r) (7905824) **11.50 Pete Smith Specialties** (1952, b/w) Advice on surviving a dinner party (8125379)
12.00 High 5 Extreme sports action (r) (23718)
12.30 Sesame Street Early-learning series. The guest is the American football player Bo Jackson (r) (92737) **1.30 Take Five** Cartoons (64553)
2.00 Film: One in a Million (1937, *b/w*) *starring* Sonia Henie in her Hollywood debut as a talented skater who becomes a show business star. With Adolphe Menjou. Directed by Sidney Lanfield (126350)
3.40 Joe McDoakes (1945, b/w) McDoakes thinks he is allergic to something but does not know what. Starring George O'Hanlon (r) (9084701)
3.55 The Secret Life of Machines Tim Hunkin with everything you would want to know about the sewing machine (r) (3953553)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (176)
5.00 Oprah Gold — Highlights from Oprah's Favourite Shows. The guests are people who have gone to extreme lengths to meet a partner (r) (Teletext) (2733621)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (471756)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (669)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana Bizarre comedy drama about the eccentric inhabitants of a mid-American town (s) (621)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (647466)
7.50 Comment. Denis Vaughan takes a jaundiced view of where the money from the national lottery will end up (703447)
8.00 Free For All In an update of a programme made earlier in the year one woman explain why it is difficult to complain when an operation goes wrong and another tells of her treatment on the picket line at the Timex factory in Dundee (8553)
8.30 Pacific Station. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (7060)



Cinema of dissent: Tomás Alea (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: Tales from Havana. See Choice (247602)
9.45 Four-Mations Winners. Two animations by David Anderson — *Deadsy* and *The Door* (469319)
10.00 Film: Sweet Lorraine (1987) starring Maureen Stapleton and Trini Alvarez. Comedy drama about the final summer season for a dilapidated kosher resort hotel in the Catskill Mountains. Directed by Steve Gomer (Teletext) (766379)
11.40 Dream On. Adult comedy about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletext) (s) (346553)
12.15am Four-Mations Winners: Secret Joy (Of Falling Angels). Simon Plummell's animation inspired by a 15th-century painting of the Annunciation (r) (8644138)
12.30 Love to Be in Love. A documentary look at the life and career of jazz musician Maxine Sullivan (3407664). Ends at **1.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm-1.15** *Anglia News (17629553)* **1.45-2.15** A Country Practice (838885) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2601824) **6.00** Home And Away (721263) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (967447) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (263) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (179553) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (843756) **12.25am** Film: Blackout (525515) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (1802461) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (8457041) **4.05** On The Live Side (24474393) **4.30** Riviera (48916) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (11374)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm** Central News (17629553) **1.15** A Country Practice (655094) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (838885) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2123805) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2601824) **6.00** Home And Away (721263) **6.25-7.00** Central News (967447) **7.30-8.00** Home Run (263) **10.30-10.40** Central News (179553) **11.30** Kojak (843756) **12.25am** Film. Edge Of Doom (Dana Andrews, Farley Granger, Joan Evans) (222916) **2.15** The Big E (1828409) **3.10** Sport A.M. (6122428) **4.10** Jobfinder (1632585) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4299931)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm** Granada News (17629553) **1.15** A Country Practice (655094) **1.45-2.15** Home And Away (838885) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (8832242) **3.20-3.50** Sons And Daughters (2123805) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (2601824) **6.00** Home And Away (517) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (379) **7.30-8.00** Cowley High (263) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (179553) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (843756) **12.25am** Film: Blackout (525515) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (1802461) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (8457041) **4.05** On The Live Side (24474393) **4.30** Riviera (48916)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News & Weather (17629553) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (838885) **6.00** HTV News (517) **6.30-7.00** Secrets of the Moor (379) **7.30-8.00** The Great Little Trains Of Wales (263) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (179553) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (843756) **12.25am** Film: Blackout (525515) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (1802461) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (8457041) **4.05** On The Live Side (24474393) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (48916) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (11374)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News & Weather (17629553) **6.00** Wales At Six (517) **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 (379) **7.30-8.00** Home Ground (263) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (179553)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News & Weather (17629553) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2123805) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (517) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (379) **7.30-8.00** Along the Pilgrim's Way (263) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (179553) **12.00am-1.00** Magnum (35954) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (11374)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (17629553) **1.45-2.15** The Young Doctors (838885) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2123805) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (42331) **7.30-8.00** Champions (263) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (179553) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (843756) **12.28am** My Story (8540119) **12.25** Film: Blackout (525515) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (1802461) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (8457041) **4.05** On The Live Side (24474393) **4.30** Riviera (48916) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (11374)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5329805) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (17629553) **1.45-2.15** A Country Practice (838885) **5.55** Calendar (613089) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (379) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (263) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (179553) **12.00am** The 291 Club (35954) **1.00-1.25** Comedy Tonight (7162732) **1.25** The Little Picture Show (3886577) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (8613312) **2.55** 60 Minutes. American news magazine (9158206) **3.50** Countdown (6996585) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (7124886)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (55466) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (5317060) **9.25** Star Street (5336195) **9.50** Hammerman (6983331) **10.15** Pugwall (9352973) **10.40** The Adventures Of Tintin (6524185) **11.05** The Henderson Kids (7900379) **11.30** Sandokan (3909) **12.00pm** High 5 (23718) **12.30** Sesame Street (92737) **1.30** Profiles Of Nature (64553) **2.00** Film: Trouble Brewing (757379) **3.35** Magic Roundabout (9497553) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2915379) **4.30** Happy Days (176) **5.00** Countdown (9889) **5.30** The Real World (756) **6.00** Newyddion (198911) **6.10** Heno (616850) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9805) **7.30** Slac Yn Dynn (805) **8.00** Ond Y Broblem Yw (8553) **8.30** Newyddion (211176) **8.55** Rasus (260992) **9.45** The Kings Of Siam (469319) **10.00** The Golden Palace (24447) **10.30** Criced (33195) **11.00** Sound Stuff (35602) **12.00am** Sean's Show (21190) **12.30** Free For All (21549)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (4373447) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8205485) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (15936485) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (10756) **10.00** Card Sharks (5272060) **10.25** Concentration (8687176) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2902379) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (96737) **12.00** E Street (63350) **12.30pm** Three's Company (81244) **1.00** Falcon Crest (19027) **2.00** Captains and the Kings (56621) **3.00** Another World (7732534) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5680195) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4756) **6.00** Games World (8060) **6.30** *E Street* (2640) **7.00** Rescue (5485) **7.30** Full House (8824) **8.00** Murphy Brown (1805) **8.30** Designing Women (3640) **9.00** Civil Wars (32992) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (42379) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (77602)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (91843) **6.30** News and Business Report (382602) **9.30** Talkback (18398) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (47176) **11.30** Business Report (81398) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (41992) **1.30** CBS This Morning (42621) **2.30** Parliament Live (4490355) **3.15** Parliament Live (2456756) **4.30** News and Business Report (5737) **5.00** Live at Five (990350) **7.30** Target (6466) **9.30** Talkback (92350) **11.30** CBS News (65640) **12.30am** Target (93041) **1.30** CBS News (53206) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (78664) **3.30** *CBS News (80409)* **4.30** *Target* (82206) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (95799)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2514824)
10.00 Life Stinks (1991): Mel Brooks spends a month on the streets (85060)
12.00 Cops and Robbers (1973): Crime caper in which two policemen pull off a multi-million dollar heist (1849282)
1.25pm Pancho Barnes (1988): Biopic about the American aviatrix (52892621)
4.00 Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen (1981) Peter Ustinov stars as the Oriental detective (9060)
6.00 Life Stinks (as 10am) (46195)
8.00 Frankie and Johnny (1991): Short-order cook Al Pacino woos diner waitress Michelle Pfeiffer (41640)
10.00 Hard to Kill (1990): Steven Seagal sets out to revenge his family (300737)
11.40 By the Sword (1991): Fencing champion F. Murray Abraham works as a caretaker at the school run by Eric Roberts, whose father he killed in a duel (315089)
1.15am Savage Harvest (1981): Tom Skerritt's family is attacked by lions while on safari in Kenya (7864119)
2.40 Whispers (1989). Victoria Tennent is stalked by an occult killer (210428)
4.15 The Rape of Dr Willis (1991): Jaclyn Smith vows revenge on her attacker (731732) Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Man from the Diner's Club (1963): Comedy with Danny Kaye (37485)
8.00 Honky Tonk Freeway (1981): Comedy about a Florida town's attempts to attract passing tourists (19242)
10.00 The Border (1982). Patrolmen Jack Nicholson becomes involved with a young Mexican mother (959992). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.10am Lucy Gallant (1955) Dressmaker Jane Wyman rejects numerous suitors, including Charlton Heston (57808973)
8.00 Hiawatha Animated film based on Longfellow's poem (57060)
9.00 Black Arrow Cartoon (62331)
10.00 Bandido (1956) Robert Mitchum becomes involved with both sides in the Mexican Revolution (83602)
12.00 So Dark the Night (1946, b/w) A detective searches for a murderer in a French village (68466)
2.00pm Outback (1989) An American buys a farm in Australia (24973)
4.00 Hiawatha (as 8am) (94244)
5.00 Black Arrow (as 9am) (7466)
6.00 O Pioneers! (1992) A Swedish immigrant, Jessica Lange, inherits her father's farm (44737)
8.00 White Lie (1991) Geoffrey Hines seeks *the truth about his father's lynching 30 years* earlier. With Annette O'Toole (49282)
10.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991) Playboy Alec Baldwin marries showgirl Kim Basinger (14008)
12.00 Come See the Paradise (1990) Dennis Quaid's Japanese wife Tamlyn Tomita is interned (18318022)
2.15am With Savage Intent (1992) An estate agent, Elizabeth Montgomery, recognises the man who shot her (679022)
3.55 Disturbed (1990) A psychiatrist goes insane (118022). Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (60422) **7.00** National Cycle League (12391) **8.00** Superstars Team Challenge 1960 (62250) **9.00** Prime Bodies (33718) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (60350) **10.00** Irish Masters Snooker (673466) **1.00pm** Red Line (69621) **2.00** Windsurfing (3669) **2.30** Cycling: Tour Dupont (296060) **5.00** Kickboxing (6756) **6.00** Major League Baseball (79447) **8.00** The Footballers' Football Show (70176) **9.00** Canadian Open Tennis (73263) **11.00** Superstars 1961 (35640) **12.00** Team Pool Championship (22428) **1.00am** The Footballers' Football Show (58577) **2.00-2.30** Cycling, Tour Dupont (56729)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (30195) **8.00** Golf: Dutch Open (10843) **10.00** Tennis: Federation Cup (75282) **12.00** Eurogoals (85669) **1.00pm** Swimming (61089) **2.00** Tennis: Pathmark Classic (760945) **5.00** Eurogoals (1824) **6.00** Eurofun (5756) **6.30** News (6008) **7.00** European Tennis (31824) **9.00** Athletics (85008) **10.00** Snooker Classics (58466) **12.00-12.30am** News (23596)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (8913843) **7.30** Neighbours (8992350) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2824553) **8.30** EastEnders (2823824) **9.00** The Bill (2814176) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (7237992) **10.30** Casualty (4548824) **11.30** Rhoda (3055824) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2827640) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9681350) **1.00** EastEnders (8912114) **1.30** The Bill (9680621) **2.00** Clarence (2996089) **2.30** Bread (5861447) **3.00** Dallas (3059640) **4.00** Dynasty (3045447) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2910669) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5865263) **6.00** Neighbours (5862176) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (6105008) **7.30** Clarence (5875640) **8.00** EastEnders (2309553) **8.30** Bread (2388060) **9.00** Casualty (3580553) **10.00** The Bill (2835669) **10.30** Life Without George (2811089) **11.00** Top of the Pops (1923355) **11.45** Dr Who (8704756) **12.15am** Film. Obliging Young Lady (1942, b/w) starring Edmond O'Brien (12044645) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (94250577)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (21534) **7.00** Ratkan II (87602) **9.00** Summer Holiday Specials (764896) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (93553) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (23643) **1.00pm** Summer Holiday Specials (45602) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6263) **3.00** Babar (2814605) **3.25** Ratkan II (50568089) **5.00** Fifteen (7263) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7379) **6.00-7.00** Fame (29027)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Literature — In a Free State
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air with Andrew McGregor. Including Vivaldi (Recorder Concerto in F, RV442); Mahler (Movement for piano quartet); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice); Brahms (Four Duets, Op 61)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Vaughan Williams and Holst. Alain Frogley presents Holst (Hymn of Jesus, Op 37); Vaughan Williams (Sancta Civitas)
10.00 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Nikolai Demidenko, piano, and George McIlwham, bagpipes. Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise); Dukas (Symphony in C); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor)
11.45 Prom Artist of the Week: The second of three programmes featuring the soprano Karita Mattila. Hindemith (Geburt Mariä, Das Marienleben); Weber (Wie nahte mir der Schlummer... Leise, leise, fromme Weise! Der Freischütz)
12.00 Music Restored: Works by Corrette, Couperin, Boismortier, Scellery and Borde (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Takuo Yuasa, with Yu Yasuraoka, violin, performs Reznicek (Overture, Donna Diana); Hindemith (Kammermusik, No 4); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor)
2.10 Domestic Mozart: Piano Concertos: No 11 in F, K413; No 12 in A, K414; No 13 in C, K415
3.35 Kraus: Funeral Cantata for Gustav III (Swansea Bach Choir and Hanover Band under John Hugh Thomas)
4.30 Hawk Stalks Ron Geesin presents the fifth of six programmes on the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts events with Anthony Burton
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Strauss (Don Juan); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor. Martin Roscoe). **8.25** The Orchestra is Leaving the Platform... How orchestral players fill the 20-minute concert interval. **8.45** Walton (Symphony No 1)
9.40 Young Americans: The Old Verities. The novelist Timothy O'Grady travels to New Orleans where he meets the writer Nancy Lemann (r)
10.05 BBC Singers under Simon Joly sing anthems by two composers from the 1920s. William Harris (Faire is the Heaven; Bring us O Lord God; Thou, Lord, hast made me); William Gillies Whittaker (Psalm 139, O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me)
10.45 A Bus Named Desire: The biographer Ronald Hayman and the producer Piers Plowright visit New Orleans to explore the mysteries of the *Vieux Carré* (r)
11.30 Poet and Purist: Scandinavia in the 1920s. Jonathan Swain traces the parallel development of symphony and symphonic poem. Nielsen (Symphony No 6, Sinfonia semplice: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Bryden Thomson); Sibelius (Tapiola: Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Dr Karen Smith **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rt Rev Tom Butler **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580-4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Leslie Thomas in a Novel Setting (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Joshua. Leo McKern reads the last of four parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour looks at how women in South Africa are lobbying for their rights. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: *Geoff Watts* investigates the early diagnosis of oral cancer and its treatment with laser
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Word of Mouth: A Drop of the Irish. Frank Delaney looks at language **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: *Lazy Brien.* Gregory Motton's fantasy about the world's most slothful man. With Gerard McSorley and Margaret D'Arcy
2.30 The Tingle Factor: The writer and broadcaster Joan Bakewell reveals those moments in music that send a shiver down her spine
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 What If ..? (FM only). Christopher Andrew, Patrick Wormald and David Bates ask what might have happened if King Harold had won the battle of Hastings in 1066
3.30 Punters (FM only), presented by Susan Marling **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Sheena Mackay's novel, *The Laughing Academy*; investigates the various ways that writers describe music; and listens to the American clarinettist Don Byron
4.45 Short Story: Touch and Go, by Brian Thompson. Read by John Bennett
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Galahad at Blandings: P.G. Wodehouse's classic novel (final part) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4 (r)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Doctor in the Alps: David Bean explores Switzerland with the help of an earlier visitor, the Victorian physician John Forbes. Read by Struan Rodger (1/4)
8.45 ***In Touch*** *with Peter White*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Cost of Living Like This, by James Kennaway. Read by Ian McDiarmid (2/10)
11.00 The Radio Programme. Hamish Mykura visits the Underwater Music Festival in Florida. Presented by Laurie Taylor (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

A Slice of Apple. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Not so much a slice — more an apple pie. Bulging with grade A fruit and subtly seasoned. Cooked to a turn, and royally served by presenter Chris Stuart to the accompaniment of music performed by Johnny Coppin, Paul Burgess and Phil Beer, and prose and poems read by Patricia Knight-Webb and Mike Dew. Everything tonight involves apples or cider. We are not used to this kind of words and music pot-pourri on Radio 2. Radios 3 or 4 would be lucky to have it in their schedules.

Leslie Thomas in a Novel Setting. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only).*

Thomas's return to the South Hams of Devon, the setting for his part-fact, part-fiction novel *The Magic Army*, stirs wartime memories of Exercise Tiger, the American combined-forces operation in Start Bay that rehearsed the Normandy landings of 1944. There was one bloody night when German E-boats attacked a fleet of landing barges and 900 men died. Thomas talks to one of the survivors who recounts the story so vividly that, for a few minutes, survivor and novelist become indistinguishable. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

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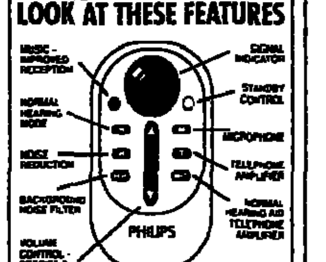


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England delay naming new captain after Headingley defeat ends pursuit of the Ashes

Gooch resigns as Australians celebrate

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (final day of five): Australia beat England by an innings and 148 runs

ENGLAND lost a series and a captain at Headingley yesterday. Neither was unexpected and neither lingered long. The fourth Test, and with it the Ashes, was decided at 2.22pm and, within minutes, Graham Gooch had told his players that they will be under different leadership at Edgbaston next week. The new captain will be known by the weekend and Gooch will complete the series under him.

Allan Border, appropriately, on the eve of his 38th birthday, held the steepling catch that secured victory for Australia. He punched the air with both fists, rushed for a souvenir stump and wore the euphoric look of a man with mission accomplished. Out of sight behind the darkened glass of the England dressing-room, Gooch presented a bleak contrast.

After informing his team of the news they must have suspected for some days, Gooch emerged unsmiling but far from unemotional. Over 34 Tests as captain, he has experienced the wildest of fairground rides, some soaring peaks among some stomach-churning dives into depression. Throughout, he has cared with a rare passion and though he now knew beyond doubt that he must go, it did not make the leaving any easier.

"The Ashes are gone and it is the best way forward for England," he said. "These last few months, things haven't gone so well and the team might benefit from fresh ideas, a fresh approach, someone else to look up to."

The ghetto-blasters were at full volume in the Australian dressing-room next door while Gooch faced the music. Television cameras pointed at him from every angle, photographers clicked at his every change of expression. He did not enjoy the attention — in truth, it is the one part of the job he has seldom enjoyed.

"I have considered it a great honour to captain England," he said. "I can look in the mirror and know I have always done my best for the team, but it is now right and proper that someone else should have a go."

Gooch will have no official input to the decision on his successor, but he did say, with a certain emphasis: "My thoughts are known to the manager." Keith Fletcher is not thought to agree with Gooch's thoughts, however, and he will have a say, and a vote, when the matter is decided by the five-man England committee later this week.

Ted Dexter, the chairman, was yesterday in contact with Micky Stewart, Ossie Wheatley and Alan Smith to convene a meeting and, although a compromise decision on an outsider cannot entirely be discounted, the issue is likely to rest between Michael Atherton, Alec Stewart and Mike Gatting.

Sporting Index, the bookmakers, yesterday opened a market on the captaincy and made Stewart their 6-4 favourite, with Atherton at 7-4 and Gatting at 7-2. In recent days, however, the lobby for Atherton has grown. The only candidate with an entirely clean licence in conduct terms, Atherton is an intelligent, self-contained character, stronger than often perceived and likely to flourish with the responsibility. At 25, he is young enough to be a long-term investment and would give the team the fresh, untainted outlook now so plainly needed. Stewart can only be seriously considered as captain if he no longer keeps wicket as well as bats and Fletcher, a Gatting devotee, has made it plain he wants him to continue in the dual role.

It promises to be a long and lively debate, with the outcome expected on Friday. The new captain will then join the other three selectors on Sunday to pick a team that will, in the two remaining Tests, be playing only for pride, prize-money and places on the Caribbean tour. It is in some ways a tough time for a new man to begin. In another sense, there is only one direction for his team to take.

Since winning the corresponding Leeds Test last year, England have lost eight games out of nine, four of the defeats by an innings. They have not beaten Australia in 17 attempts, a failing that Gooch agreed was his biggest regret.

"We've got a lot of young guys now and they showed glimpses of ability at Trent Bridge," he said, "but our game is in a pretty low state. Confidence is low and what really disappoints me is our inconsistency."

Here was demonstration of his point. England arrived at Headingley fresh from the best end of a draw that was just another false dawn. The new boys disappointed second time around and, with an attack rendered shallow and stereotyped by a foolhardy selection, Australia dictated from first session to last.

The one thing that could deny Australia yesterday was the weather and showers did interrupt twice before lunch. By then, however, Reiffel had removed Thorpe and Stewart in successive overs, the latter to a stupendous, right-handed slip catch by Mark Waugh.

Hughes, who felt he had Stewart caught behind in the day's third over and was then hit for four successive fours by him, did not need to fume for long. Caddick and Bicknell were trapped leg-before to consecutive balls. Now past 200 Test wickets, Hughes then hit McCague's off stump before May lured Ilott to his fate. Border monopolised the balcony scene, taking the match cheque, the series cheque and the man-of-the-match award. Gooch stayed behind the darkened glass, briefly alone with his thoughts.

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MARC ASPLAND



Line between success and failure: Australians congratulate one another on completing their victory yesterday as Hussain and Ilott head for the dressing-room

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 653 for 4 dec (A R Border 200 not out, S R Waugh 157 not out, D C Boon 107, M J Slater 67, M E Waugh 52)

ENGLAND: First Innings 200 (M A Atherton 55, G A Gooch 59; P R Reiffel 5-65)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b May	25	-	2	100	78
edged between bat and pad on to stumps					
M A Atherton st Healy b May	83	-	8	206	171
beaten by slower, wider ball					
R A Smith lbw b Reiffel	35	-	5	125	120
playing no shot to ball that cut back					
†A J Stewart c M E Waugh b Reiffel	78	-	5	127	111
brilliantly caught at second slip					
*G A Gooch st Healy b May	26	-	5	61	40
jumping down the pitch to drive					
G P Thorpe c Taylor b Reiffel	13	-	1	42	25
nudged to first slip					
N Hussain not out	18	-	3	112	96
A R Caddick lbw b Hughes	12	-	2	56	48
ball cut back and kept low					
M P Bicknell lbw b Hughes	0	-	0	1	1
playing right back					
M J McCague b Hughes	11	-	2	24	24
inswinger straightened off pitch					
M C Ilott c Border b May	4	-	0	21	23
mishit to extra cover					

Extras (b 5,lb 3,w 1,nb 11) 20

Total (471 mins, 127 overs) 306

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60 (Atherton 30), 2-131 (Smith 30), 3-149 (Stewart 12), 4-202 (Stewart 35), 5-256 (Stewart 75), 6-263 (Hussain 4), 7-279 (Hussain 7), 8-279 (Hussain 7), 9-295 (Hussain 12).

BOWLING: Hughes 30-10-79-3 (nb1, w1) (7-2-10-0, 5-2-14-0, 9-2-37-0, 9-4-18-3); Reiffel 28-8-67-3 (nb3) (4-0-18-0, 5-0-18-0, 4-1-16-0, 5-1-21-1, 10-6-14-2); Warne 40-16-83-0 (nb1) (22-8-35-0, 5-2-10-0, 1-0-1-0, 12-6-17-0); May 27-6-85-4 (nb6) (10-4-17-1, 15-0-48-2, 2-2-0-1); M Waugh 2-1-3-0 (one spell).

Australia won by an innings and 148 runs

Man of the match: A R Border

Umpires: H D Bird, N T Plews and B Leadbeater (replay umpire)

England's women put the men to shame yesterday when they beat Australia, the holders and strong favourites, in a one-day World Cup match at Guildford. They scored 208 for five in their 60 overs and won by 43 runs

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Border reaches peak on day of mixed emotions



Warne: gold blend

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

ONLY one person on the Headingley ground could have understood the true emotion of Graham Gooch's resignation yesterday and he was too busy celebrating the success of his own team to offer much sympathy. Eight years ago, Allan Border had threatened to resign as the captain of Australia in the aftermath of defeat in a one-day international in New Zealand. His team was riddled with the same self-doubt which has afflicted England this summer.

But Border, then ten years younger than Gooch is now, won the backing of his players, stayed in the job and gained his reward for perseverance yesterday as he looked down from what he termed the "pinnacle" of his career. Not only has he captained a vigorous and talented young team to victory in an Ashes series in England, he has lead from the front over the past five days, scoring a double century, which won him the man-of-the-match award, and captaining with a confidence only winning can foster.

It was fitting, too, that he should take the Ashes-winning catch, because no one has done more to revive the fortunes of Australian cricket, which were at an ebb almost as low as England's now when he inherited the captaincy from Kim Hughes in the middle of a humiliating series against the West Indies in 1984-5. At the time, he was reluctant to accept such a dubious honour — and Gooch's successor might understand the feeling with a series in the Caribbean to come this winter — but Border's authority on and off the field is unquestioned now and, though he has admitted he is too old to keep up with the partying of the younger members of his side these days, he has been able to transmit his own will to win across the generation gap in a way Gooch clearly has not.

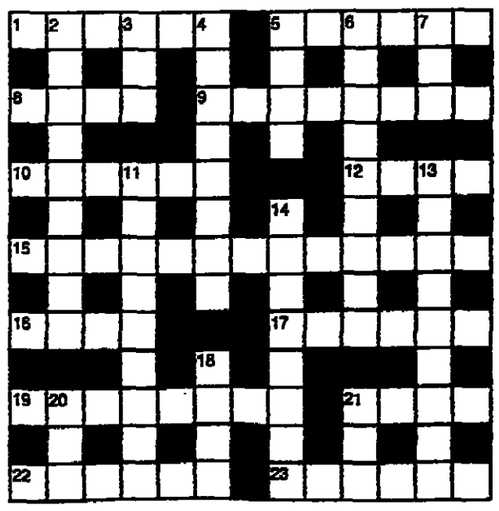
The one blemish on an otherwise perfect day for Border, 38 today, was the news of Gooch's departure, relayed to him as he arrived for his own victory press conference. Border, an old friend from his days with Essex, has played a large part in the downfall, and his sympathy, tempered by the understanding that sentiment has played little part in the history of Ashes cricket, was nevertheless robust and genuine.

"If you lose, you cop it. I've been there," he said. "But it saddens me. We are great mates. He's one of the greatest cricketers England have produced, but I can fully understand his reasons for going. If your team are no longer giving 100 per cent and the side is not responding, there is no option.

"Gooch can't do everything. He prepares for the job as well as anyone I've ever seen in the game, but he's 40. He certainly hasn't shown any disillusionment out on the field and, after the performance at Trent Bridge, he must have been in a fairly positive mood. But it all went sour for him here."

If England's selectors needed any clues for the future, they should look at the composition of the Australian team, which has blended the youth of Michael Slater and Shane Warne with the experience of Border, David Boon and Merv Hughes without mislaying the winning habit. "Our domestic cricket is very strong," Border said. "It breeds good Test cricketers. I'm not sure your county cricket does the same. But the ball is rolling in our favour at the moment and we've got to make the most of it. I still have a healthy respect for any England team. It doesn't take much to change things around." Maybe he should ask Gooch about that.

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16 Cruel giant (4)
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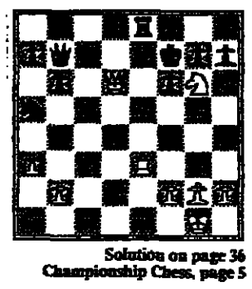
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By Philip Howard

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a. An Alpine pasture
b. Marked with ridges
c. Able to sing

POTICHE
a. A large porcelain vase
b. Potato spirits
c. An embroidery technique

TAMURE
a. Rice stew
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